

A Newcomers Guide to the City of Morden

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Welcome to the City of Morden, Welcome Home

As you begin your new life in the City of Morden, we are confident that you will quickly feel welcome and realize that you made the right decision to make Morden your home.

We hope the information in this guide will help you gain a greater understanding of the City of Morden and all it has to offer you and your family. We want to make you feel welcome throughout your transition to your new community.

We have taken great care to ensure the information in this guide is accurate and up-to-date at the time of printing (December 2013). If you would like to suggest any additional resources or are aware of any errors, please contact us at 204-822-4434 or email info@mordenmb.com. If you require more information please visit our website at www.mordenmb.com.



Welcome from Mayor Ken Wiebe

On behalf of the City of Morden, I extend a warm welcome to you and your family.

Few places in the world can offer the range of opportunities you will find here in terms of natural beauty, culture, education, recreation, housing, health care, business potential – in short, *quality of life*.

Morden is a great welcoming place but we need you and your contributions – as a neighbor, a parent, an employee, a business partner, a volunteer, a citizen – to continue to grow and thrive.

It is our genuine hope that this Newcomers Guide and the resources listed within, will answer some of the most essential questions about life in Morden and help you make it your home.

Respectfully I remain,

Ken Wiebe



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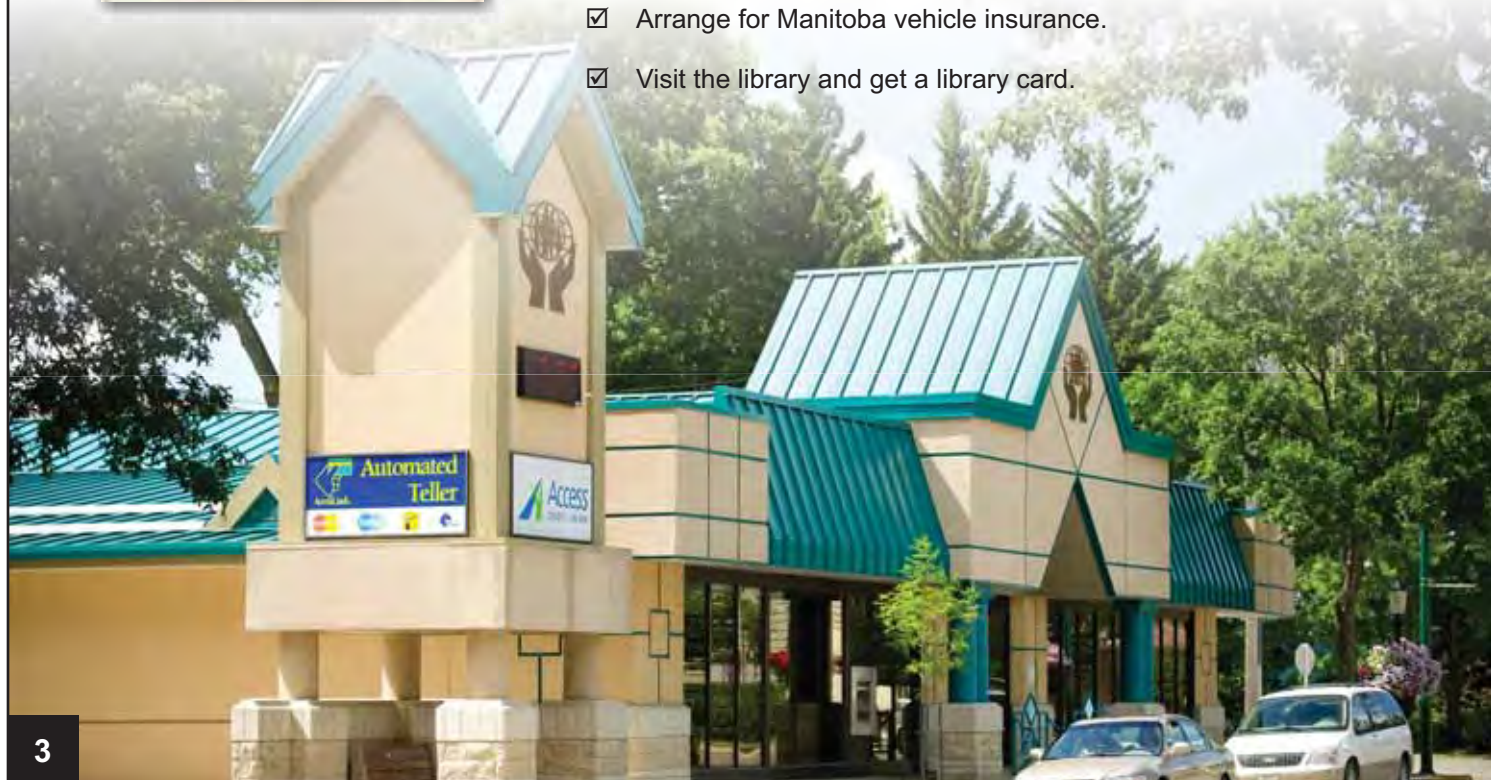
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IMPORTANT THINGS TO DO WHEN YOU ARRIVE

Here is a checklist of things to do in your first weeks. There are sections in this guide that cover each of these subjects.



- ☒ Visit the Regional Connections office for helpful information, settlement advice and English classes for you and your family. The staff will also assist you with some of the tasks below.
- ☒ Find a place to live. If you require temporary, furnished accommodation when you first arrive, contact svoth@mordenmb.com.
- ☒ Apply for a Social Insurance Number (SIN).with Service Canada
- ☒ Register for a Manitoba Health Card. With this card, you receive insured health care services free.
- ☒ Apply for Canada Child Tax Credit.
- ☒ Open a Bank Account at a bank or credit union.
- ☒ Organize a new Credit Card and Build Your Credit
- ☒ Find a family doctor who is taking new patients.
- ☒ Find a school for your children.
- ☒ Find a job.
- ☒ Set up your hydro, gas, telephone utilities.
- ☒ Arrange for postal service at Canada Post.
- ☒ Visit the Morden Civic Centre office to arrange your water, sewer and garbage collection.
- ☒ Apply for a Manitoba Drivers License.
- ☒ Arrange for Manitoba vehicle insurance.
- ☒ Visit the library and get a library card.





ABOUT MORDEN

Relocating is challenging no matter where you decide to call home. Here is some information about Morden which we hope you will find both interesting and helpful.

Our Location

Morden is located in south central Manitoba in an area called the Pembina Valley, 112 km from Winnipeg's perimeter, 19 km from the U.S. border and 13 km from the City of Winkler. The exact geographic location is;

Longitude: 98° 6' W

Latitude: 49° 11' N

Elevation: 302 metres (991 feet).

Our Population

7,812 (2011)

We warmly welcome newcomers, and immigration is supported and encouraged.

Time Zone:

Manitoba Canada is in the Central Time Zone and observes Daylight Saving Time (DST), which begins on the second Sunday in March and ends on the first Sunday in November. DST is in place so that afternoons have more daylight. Clocks are turned ahead one hour in spring and turned back one hour in fall.

Currency

The Canadian Dollar is our national currency. Banknotes come in \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, and \$100 denominations, which all have their own distinct colour. Coins include five cent (called a nickel); 10 cent (called a dime); 25 cent (called a quarter); one dollar (called a loonie); and two dollar (called a toonie).

Area Code

All telephone numbers in Manitoba must be 10 digits. The two area codes for Manitoba are 204 and 431. You have to first dial '1' before placing a long distance call and '011' when making an international call.



Fire Hall, Morden, Man.

History of Morden

The history of Morden as a community dates back to 1882 when the Canadian Pacific Railway laid track across land owned by the Alvey Baker Morden Family. The Cheval Creek Station and water tower were built and later the town was named after Alvey Morden.

By 1884, residents of Nelson and Mountain City began to move houses, schools, churches and commercial buildings to Morden. By 1885 Morden was considered an important trading post for 50 miles around. Morden was incorporated as a village on May 1st, 1895. Mr. H.P. Hansen was elected as the first mayor. By 1903 Morden's population was 1500 allowing it to officially become a Town on Nov. 30, 1903. In 2011 Morden's population was 7,812 and on August 24th, 2012 Morden became a City.



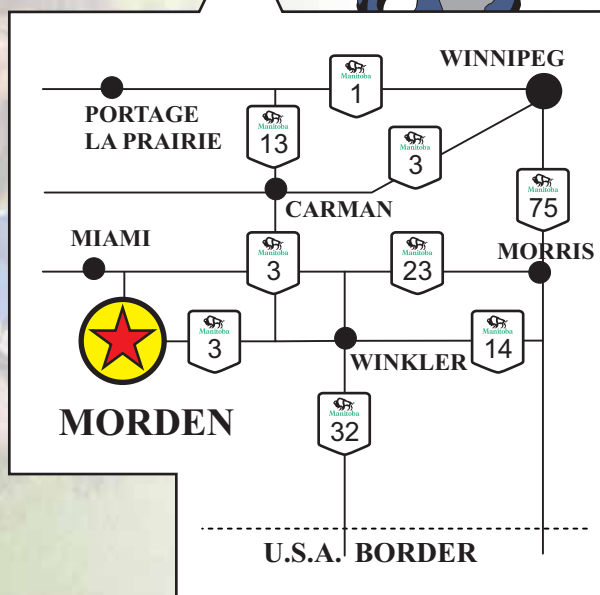
Manitoba Holidays

The following is a list of Manitoba holidays. Whether you get the holiday off from work may vary in private industry and government

New Year's Day	First day of the calendar year.
Louis Riel Day	The 3 rd Monday in February.
Good Friday	A Friday in March or April. Varies from year to year, relative to when Easter occurs.
Easter Sunday	A Sunday in March or April. Varies from year to year, relative to when Easter occurs.
Easter Monday	A Monday in March or April. Varies from year to year relative to when Easter occurs.
Victoria Day	The Sovereign's birthday has been celebrated in Canada since the reign of Queen Victoria (1837 -1901) on the Monday preceding May 25 th .
Canada Day	July 1 st - Marks the union of the British North America provinces in a federation under the name of Canada on 1 July 1867.
Civic Holiday	First Monday in August.
Labour Day	First Monday in September.
Thanksgiving Day	Second Monday in October.
Remembrance Day	November 11 th .
Christmas Day	December 25 th .
Boxing Day	December 26 th .

How To Get Here

Are family and friends coming to visit?
Getting to Morden is easy.



City of Morden
100 – 195 Stephen Street
Morden, Manitoba, R6M 1V3
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Fax: 204-822-6494
www.mordenmb.com



Weather

Seasonal Averages

January	-16.1°C
April	4.5°C
July	20.5°C
October	6.9°C

Annual Rainfall 416.2 mm

Annual Snowfall 119.7 cm

Annual Frost Free Days 125 - 135 days

Annual Sunshine 2,200 hours

All of our seasons are very clearly defined. Temperature and precipitation are measured in metric. Degrees Celsius (°C), Millimetres (mm), Centimeters (cm).

Spring (March 20th to June 20th)

Spring is always an exciting time in Morden, with the renewal of the vegetation, migratory birds flying back to nest, and the promise of warmer weather and longer days.

Summer (June 21st to September 21st)

Summer is usually warm and sunny and can be hot at times.

Fall - Also called Autumn (September 22nd to December 20th)

Fall is cooler and more comfortable to many. The autumn leaves provide a truly natural spectacle. Snow can come as early as mid-October and usually begins to stay in early November.

Winter (December 21st to March 19th)

Winter in Manitoba means bright and sunny skies and crisp, fresh air. During the winter months the temperature is usually below 0 Degrees Celsius, day and night. Temperatures can drop below -25 Degrees. It is important to learn about the dangers of the cold and how to stay warm. Wind chill often makes temperatures lower than they seem. Listening to local radio stations will help you to determine whether extra care should be taken with children when you send them to school or out to play. Schools will cancel classes for a day during the winter months if the weather is questionable or the wind chill is very high. Listening to the local radio stations will inform you if your child's classes have been cancelled for the day. (950AM, 93.5FM, 105.1FM, 88.9FM) Suggested winter wardrobe items are: a thick, wind-proof coat, scarf (for around your neck and/or across your face), gloves or mittens, winter hat that covers your ears and warm boots that are lined and/or waterproof.



CITY SERVICES

As a resident of the City of Morden, you have access to the services and facilities in the City. The following three pages covers some of the important facts that you need to know.

Pet (Animal) Control

You are permitted to have domesticated animals, such as dogs and cats as pets, with the maximum allowed being two of each. You can help keep your pet safe by following these rules.

- All dogs must be licensed. You can purchase the license at the Morden Civic Centre.
- Animals are not allowed to run at large or trespass on public or private property. They must be contained on your yard or on a leash.
- Dogs are not allowed to disturb the peace by barking or howling.
- Dogs must be leashed when walking or exercising your pet.
- Please pick up waste if your animal has defecated on public or private property and dispose of it in a garbage can.

If your dog is not licenced and it is taken to the Morden Veterinary Clinic, there is a daily cost for the animal to be impounded. An additional fine plus a fee for a valid dog licence may also be charged. If your dog is licenced, then the licence fee will not be charged. All fees are paid at the Morden Civic Centre. If you have any questions about licensing your dog, please contact the Morden Civic Centre.



CITY SERVICES

Community Compost Site

The compost site is located on Wilcocks Road. Acceptable compost items are - grass clippings, leaves and garden refuse - branches only. All items are to be placed in marked areas. We ask that you empty your plastic bags of the compost materials. Containers are provided if you want to dispose of them or you can take them with you. The compost is better if plastic bags don't get into the system.

Compost Weekly Pickup Service

Compost material may be picked up on a weekly basis, every Monday, from May to September. To obtain this service residents are asked to purchase tags from the Morden Civic Centre at a fee of \$2.50 per bag with a maximum weight of 45 lbs per bag. The bags are to be placed at the curb by 8:00 am on Mondays.

Spring & Fall Cleanup

Compost material will be collected, free of charge, on your regular garbage pickup day during one week in April and one week in October. Exact dates are announced in the newspaper, or you can call the Morden Civic Centre at 204-822-4434. All items must be packed in boxes or plastic bags, branches must be cut and tied into bundles and placed at the curb prior to 8:00 am with no pickups after 5:00 pm.

Recycling

A blue recycling bin is provided free of charge to each household. If you require additional blue boxes or a replacement, you can pick it up at the Morden Civic Centre. We recommend that you clearly mark your address on the blue box. To find out what day recycling is picked up on your street, you can obtain a schedule at the Morden Civic Centre, or visit the website at www.mordenmb.com.

Recyclable Materials Include:

- Boxboard (Cereal & Shoe Boxes)
- Corrugated Cardboard
- Milk Cartons
- All colours of glass jars and glass containers (No window glass)
- Metal Cans
- Jar Lids
- Aluminium Food Containers
- Beverage Containers
- P.E.T. Plastic
- Soft Drink Bottles
- Milk Jugs
- Plastic Food Containers



Solid Waste

Place your solid waste at the curb side by 6:00 am on your regular pickup day. Compost Material is not included in the solid waste pickup. There is a 2 bag limit – not to exceed 35 lbs each. Recycling is unlimited. Tags for extra solid waste bags are available at the Morden Civic Centre for \$2.00 per bag. For larger items you are responsible to have them taken to the SWAMP site or contact Pembina Valley Containers (PVC) to arrange for disposal at your cost.



E-Waste

E-Waste disposal is FREE for households. Materials can be dropped off at Pembina Valley Containers - 160 Grant Street. Items that are accepted are:

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| • Computer Monitors | • Tv's |
| • Desktop Computers | • VCRs - Stereos |
| • Laptops | • Copiers & Scanners |
| • Desktop Printers | • Fax Machines |
| • Phones - Cell Phones | • Microwaves |

Household Hazardous Waste Day

Every year householders in Morden, Winkler and RM of Stanley are given the chance to dispose of their Household Hazardous Waste. It is usually held the second Saturday in June. The drop off point alternates each year, between Winkler and Morden, please check the collection point address by visiting the Morden website at www.mordenmb.com or by calling 204-822-4434.

Landfill Site - SWAMP

The regional landfill site (SWAMP) is aimed at providing an environmental way of dealing with the waste from the entire region. Where possible, we encourage residents to practice 3R (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) waste reduction, and to participate in recycling and composting programs in our communities. The SWAMP is located 4 miles North of PTH 14 on 428, 2 miles East, 3/4 mile North. For more information about SWAMP hours, fees, and what can be disposed of, please call 204-325-2216, or visit the Morden website where it is listed under City Services.

Snow Removal

Winter is a beautiful time of year in Morden, but we can get a lot of snow! It is important to understand how you can help with snow removal. The City of Morden Public Works Department tries to have the roadways cleared as quickly as possible. To do this they need your help.

- Please do not park vehicles on the streets. If you do park on the street you may receive a parking ticket, the vehicle could be towed away or your car could be buried in snow. The *Overnight Parking Ban* takes effect on the first snowfall of the year and parking is not allowed on the streets between the hours of 12:00 Midnight and 8:00 am.
- You cannot push snow onto the newly cleared street as this will cause obstructions and make it hard for vehicles to travel. This action may be subject to a fine.
- If you have questions or concerns about snow removal issues please call the hot line at the Public Works office at 204-822-5119.

Water & Sewer Utility Bills

Water & Sewer Utility Bills are prepared and mailed quarterly in March, June, September and December. There are two due dates on the Utility Bill. The 'Agency Date', which is the last date to use the Internet or Telephone Banking System. The 'Due Date' is the last date to have payment into the Morden Civic Centre office by 4:30 pm.

Any Utility Bill payments not received in the office by the due date will have a penalty calculated on the overdue amount of 1.25% until the bill is paid. Annually on February 1st all outstanding Water and Sewer accounts will be transferred to your Property Tax account.

Utility Bills for June, September and December are based on water meter readings, March bills are estimated based on past quarterly consumption. Door to door meter readings will be taken three times a year in May, August and November. When the meter reader is unable to gain access to read the meter, the utility bill is estimated. Water meter readings can be provided by residents to avoid an estimated billing. They need to be phoned/faxed/emailed into the Morden Civic Centre office by the 20th of the prior month. (e.g. for June, the deadline would be May 20th.) Water meter readings can be provided to the Morden Civic Centre by:

- Phone: 204-822-4434
- Fax: 204-822-6494
- Email: info@mordenmb.com
- Online E-Form: www.mordenmb.com or
- By dropping it off at the front door mailbox. (Please record your name and street address with the water meter reading.)

If you have questions about your utility bill, or how to read your water meter, please come to the Morden Civic Centre and the staff will help you.

We offer annual or monthly pre-authorized payment options and we accept internet and telephone banking payments.





Property Taxes

If you own a property in the City of Morden you will be required to pay property taxes each year. Ask your bank or lawyer to explain how much your taxes will be. You may also inquire at the Morden Civic Centre about your property taxes.

Tax bills are sent out in June and payment is due by 4:30 pm on the last business day in August. There will be a penalty of 1.25% calculated on the overdue amount every month thereafter. We offer annual or monthly pre-authorized payment options and we accept internet and telephone banking payments.

For more detailed information on how the taxes are calculated visit the Morden website at www.mordenmb.com. You will find the information in the City Govt section under Taxes & Assessment.

Business License

If you are a home based business in the City of Morden, or you plan on opening a business that will not be located in a commercially assessed property, you must obtain a Business License at the Morden Civic Centre. One of the benefits of having a business license is that your business will be listed on the Morden website online Business Directory.

Starting A New Business?

If you are looking for available space for your new business or you require some information about the City, contact the Community Development Officer at 204-822-5088 or at the Morden PDO Building located at 133 - 7th Street – Monday to Friday between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:30 pm.





CONSUMER INFORMATION

Banking

Why open a bank account?

- To cash or write a cheque
- To use bank machines or ATMs
- It is safer than keeping your money at home
- It will improve your chances of being able to borrow money in the future
- Your money can gain interest in a bank account.

Banks and Credit Unions

To open a bank account you will need at least two pieces of identification that show your signature and a photograph; such as a valid Passport, Permanent Resident Card, or a driver's license. You can open an account at banks or credit unions.

There are some differences between banks and credit unions. You must be a member at a credit union to use their services. You must buy a share (for a small fee of \$5) to be a member.

Financial institutions available in Morden are:

Access Credit Union	204-822-4485
CIBC (Canadian Imperial Bank)	204-822-4441
RBC (Royal Bank of Canada)	204-822-4405

Automated Teller Machines

Most banks and credit unions have Automated Teller Machines (ATM's) that allow customers to perform everyday banking activities such as deposits, withdrawals, bill payments and transfers between accounts, 24 hours a day.

To use a banking machine, you require an ATM Card. This is a card the bank or credit union provides you, which allows you to use an ATM machine to get cash or it can also be used to buy items at a store without using cash. Everyone who has an ATM card also receives a Personal Identification Number (PIN), which is important to memorize and keep secret.

Bank Accounts

Chequing Account - A chequing account is useful for depositing the money you need for living expenses such as rent, bills, and shopping. You can withdraw the money any time you need it, or you can pay for your expenses with a cheque. If you don't have enough money in your account to cover a cheque that you write, the bank will refuse to cash it and will return it to the person you wrote the cheque to. You can be charged \$25 - \$40 or more for writing a cheque without sufficient funds (enough money) in your account.

Savings Account - A savings account is useful for depositing money you will not need to use right away. You can withdraw it at any time but while it is in your savings account you could collect interest on the money. Interest is based on a percentage of the money you have in the account and may be calculated on a daily, weekly or monthly basis.

Service Charges (Fees)

Banks and credit unions charge you for each service that you use, including the use of an ATM card and cashing cheques. These charges will vary from one institution to another and with different accounts. If you will be using such banking services regularly, it is a good idea to ask your bank or credit union about their service charges and choose the best plan for you.

Safety Deposit Boxes

You can rent a safety deposit box (SDB) in different sizes, depending on your needs. You pay an annual fee for SDBs. The amount you pay depends on the size of the box. You need two keys to open a SDB. The bank will give you one key and keep the second one. Because of this you can only access the SDB during branch hours. Be sure to keep your key in a safe place.



Canada Post

Canada Post Corporation provides most postal services in Canada. The Morden post office is located at 101 8th Street, and the hours of operation are Monday to Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm., Phone: 204-822-4694.

Letters and parcels can be picked up or delivered at the post office. Mailboxes for receiving mail at the post office are provided free of charge to Morden residents. You can also get a personal mailbox located at a Canada Post terminal located on the street near your home. The staff at the post office will tell you where your mailbox is and provide you with a key.

All letters must have a stamp, a return address and a mailing address which includes a postal code. A postal code in Canada is a 6 character set of numbers and letters. Example: R3G 4B5. Provinces can be abbreviated by 2 letter codes: MB is Manitoba.



You can buy stamps at any Post Office and at many stores. If you are unsure how many stamps you should use, ask at a Post Office. Parcels, packages, or overweight letters should be taken to a Post Office to be weighed before mailing them. If you do not know a postal code, you can ask your local post office to look it up for you or you can find it on the internet.

For more information visit: <http://www.canadapost.com>.

Telephone Services

Basic home telephone service in Manitoba is supplied by MTS. You can buy a phone from a store or you can rent a phone from MTS. After you find a place to live you can apply for basic phone service at the MTS Connect Store at 180B - 5th Street. To apply you will need 2 pieces of identification.

MTS offers Basic telephone services, Phone Rental, Answering Machine Services such as Call Answer, Call Waiting, Call Display, Dial Up and Highspeed Internet Access.

- **Installation Fee** - To arrange for your telephone to be connected call MTS at 204-225-5687. You will be charged an installation fee to receive your own telephone number. This fee will be included on your first phone bill along with the first month's service fee.
- **Your Telephone Bill** - You will receive a bill every month from MTS with charges for the different services you receive. If you use a different company for your long distance calls, you will receive a separate bill from that company. You can pay your MTS phone bill by mail, at the MTS Connect Store at 180B - 5th Street, or at any banking institution in Town.
- **Calling Long Distance** - Calls to Winkler and some rural areas are not long distance. Calls to Winnipeg are long distance. There is a chart in the front of the telephone book (White Pages) that gives you information on long distance telephone calls. It is less expensive to dial a long distance number on your own than to use an operator.
- **Save Money on Long Distance Calls** - There are different long distance services in Manitoba. If you don't make a lot of long distance calls each month, basic MTS services should be sufficient. If you make a lot of long distance calls you can often save money by signing up for special long distance programs offered by MTS and other companies. It is best to ask several companies about their rates before choosing.
- **Directory Assistance** - Dial 411 and an MTS operator can find a phone number for you. There is a small fee for this service, OR you can visit www.411.ca where you can find the information online.

Telephone, TV & Internet Service Providers

Company	Service	Website
MTS 1-888-597-2600	Land Line Phones Cable TV Cable Internet Wireless Internet	www.mts.ca
Rogers 1-800-616-6286	Cell Phones Wireless Internet	www.rogers.com
Shaw Direct 1-866-782-7932	Satellite TV	www.shawdirect.ca
Bell Canada 1-888-759-3474	Satellite TV	www.bell.ca
Xplornet 1-866-841-6001	Wireless Internet	www.xplornet.com

Radio Services

The following radio stations service Morden.

- C.K.M.W. - FM - Country - Dial 88.9
- C.F.A.M. - AM - Dial 950
- K.A.U.F. (Maverick 105) - FM - Dial 105.1
- K.A.U.F. (CanAm) - FM - Dial 106.9
- The Eagle (Oldies) - FM - Dial 93.5
- Others from Winnipeg and Portage la Prairie.

Newspaper Services

Free Weekly Papers	Morden Times 204-822-4421 www.mordentimes.com Winkler Morden Voice 204-332-3456 www.winklermordenvoice.ca
Fee Based Daily Papers	Winnipeg Free Press www.winnipegfreepress.com Winnipeg Sun www.winnipeg.sun.com



Hydro Electric Services

Manitoba Hydro regional offices are situated on the South side of Hwy 3, 2 miles east of Morden. Their mailing address is PO Box 1028 Station Main, Morden, MB R6M 1A9.

There is 3-phase power available in the industrial and commercial areas. Hydro rates in Manitoba are among the lowest in North America. For more information regarding hydro electrical power services and costs, visit www.hydro.mb.ca or call 1-888-624-9376.

Natural Gas Services

Manitoba Hydro (Gas Division) provides natural gas services to the City of Morden. For more information regarding natural gas services and costs, visit www.hydro.mb.ca or call Manitoba Hydro (Gas Division) at 1-888-624-9376.

Solid Waste Recycling Services

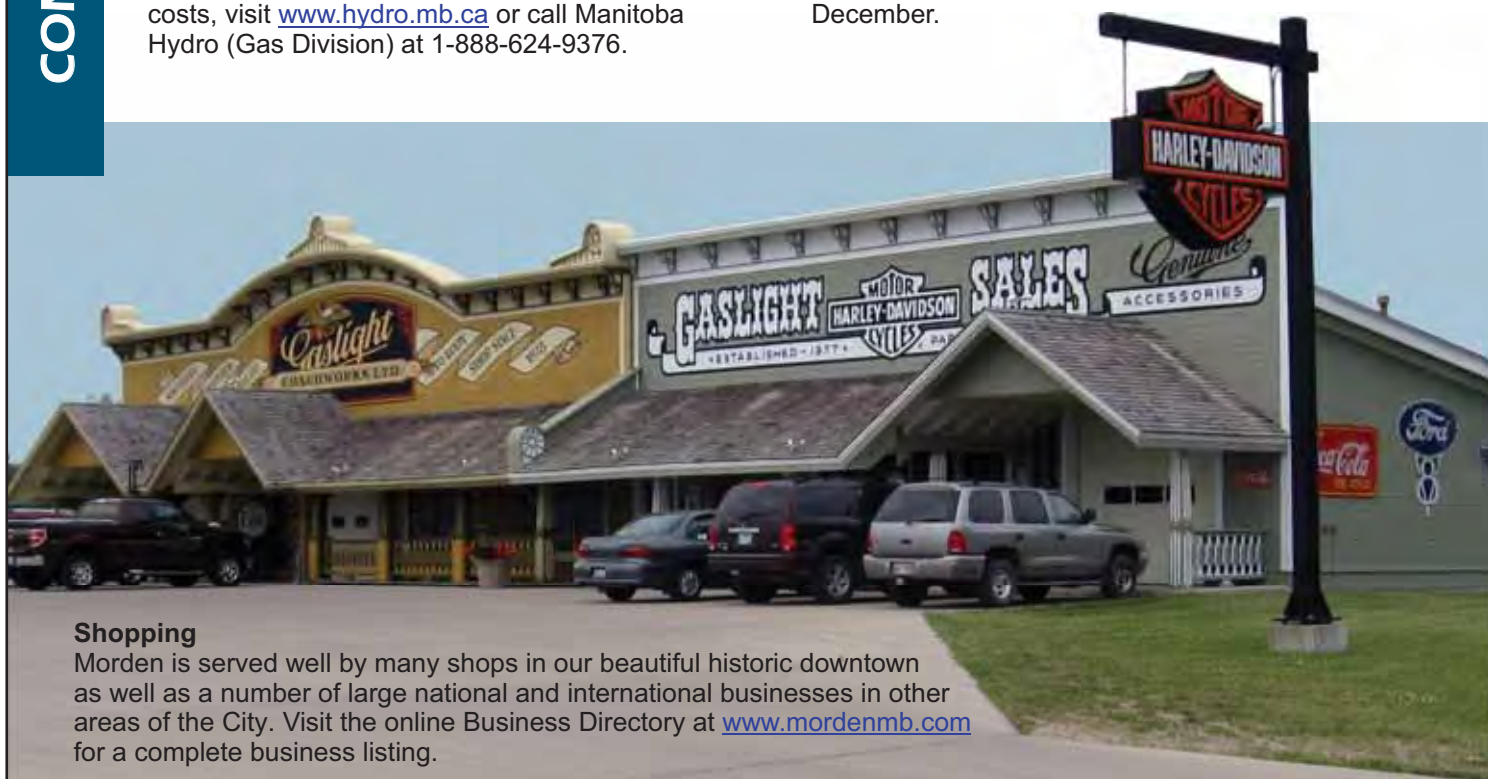
Pembina Valley Containers provides a full range of recycling services. They are located at 160 Grant Street, Morden. Phone: 204-822-6859.

Water Supply

The source of Morden's water is from Lake Minnewasta. It is treated at the City-owned Water Treatment Plant. The metre at your home measures the amount of water you use and you are billed quarterly based on consumption.

Sewage Treatment

The City's sewage treatment is through a Five-cell Lagoon System which is located east of the City. Quarterly bills for the sewer along with the water bills are mailed out in March, June, September and December.



Shopping

Morden is served well by many shops in our beautiful historic downtown as well as a number of large national and international businesses in other areas of the City. Visit the online Business Directory at www.mordenmb.com for a complete business listing.

Before you purchase any item (food, furniture, clothes), it is helpful to compare prices.

Most stores in Manitoba have fixed prices and don't allow bargaining. However, it is acceptable to bargain for more expensive items (cars and houses). Bargaining also occurs for used items people sell from their homes, at garage sales, yard sales and outdoor markets.



Garage Sales

During the warmer months of the year, many people have garage sales and yard sales or auctions where they sell second-hand clothing, furniture, toys and household items. Garage Sale information can be found in the newspaper and on the Garage Sale Notice Board located at the City parking lot just west of the 55+ Activity Centre on North Railway Street. If you would like to hold a Garage Sale and post it on the board, there are signs available, free of charge, at the Morden Civic Centre at 195 Stephen Street.

Farmers Market

Every Thursday between June & October, there is a weekly Farmers Market held downtown from 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm, weather permitting. Morden Farmer's Market offers the best in locally produced meats, vegetables, baking and many other products.

Second Hand Stores

To save money on household items, clothing and furniture, many people shop at second hand stores. The Morden Community Thrift Shop located at 220 North Railway Street is run by volunteers and offers second hand articles. Many community projects are supported by the money raised.



Food Shopping

There are three types of grocery stores in Morden. They are:

Large Grocery Stores

- Co-op - 945 Thornhill St. 204-822-5868
- Giant Tiger - 288 N. Railway St. 204-822-3298

Specialty Stores

- Kolos Grocery Store - 886 Thornhill St. 204-822-1766

Convenience Stores

- Thornview Grocery – 274 Thornhill St. 204-822-4684
- Esso Express Mart – 25 Thornhill St. 204-822-1492
- Video Visions – 1-801 Stephen St. 204-822-4245

Restaurants

There are a variety of restaurants in Morden that offer fast food and family-style dining. Restaurants are listed on the Morden website. It is customary to leave a tip of 10% to 15% at restaurants that are not fast food restaurants.

Sales Tax

The federal government charges a 5% Goods and Services Tax (GST) on all sales except for most food items and medications. The provincial government of Manitoba charges an 8% Provincial Sales Tax (PST) of the purchase price of most items. These taxes are paid at the time of purchase.

Shopping Locally

Shopping at locally owned businesses will help to build your community. These businesses contribute to the development of cultural and community services, which are so important to any community.



HOUSING

Renting

Apartments in Morden are usually rented according to the number of bedrooms they have.

All apartments must have a kitchen with a refrigerator and an oven. Sometimes utilities such as water, hydro (electricity), or natural gas (if used for heating) are included in the rent. You will have to pay extra if you want cable television. Parking fees are usually included in your rent. Check to see how many vehicles you are allowed to park and how many plug-ins you have. Vehicles in the winter months may require to be plugged in to operate properly.

Definitions & Points About Renting

- **Tenant:** A person who lives in a place that is rented. Tenants may be responsible for upkeep of property both inside and out, including mowing lawns, etc. Check with the landlord BEFORE you move in.
- **Landlord:** This is a person who owns the building and rents it out to people.
- **Caretaker:** This is a person the landlord hires to keep the building clean and to do repairs. He/She may be the person you talk to when you are looking for a place to live. In larger buildings, this person may be called the Manager or Superintendent.
- **Rent:** Rent is the money a tenant pays the landlord or caretaker every month. Be sure you know whom to pay rent to. It is best to pay by cheque made payable to the owner.
- **Pro-Rated Rent:** If you move into a place in the middle of a month, you only need to pay for the number of days remaining for the month. For example, if your rent is \$400.00 a month and you move in on the 15th, your pro-rated rent would be \$200.00 for your first month.
- **Damage Deposit:** This is money you pay a landlord before you move in. It pays for cleaning or repairs that must be done to the apartment or house after you move out. It usually equals half of one month's rent. If you want to get your damage deposit back when you move out, you must:
 - leave the place in the same condition it was in when you moved in,
 - clean the house or apartment before you move out, and
 - give proper notice in writing before you move out (minimum 30 days).



Rental Applications

If you like an apartment you see, you may first have to complete an Application Form. The landlord or caretaker will consider all the applications they receive and then decide who will rent the apartment.

Tenancy Agreements

If your application is accepted, you sign a Tenancy Agreement with the landlord. You agree to pay a certain amount of rent every month, and agree to certain living arrangements. Make sure you know:

- which utilities are included (gas, hydro, water, cable),
- if you have to pay for parking,
- if pets are allowed,
- is smoking allowed,
- the date rent is due.

If the landlord asks you to sign a lease, it means you must agree to live in the apartment for the specified period of time.

Condition Report

You should ask to sign a Condition Report, which shows the condition of all the rooms and appliances in the house or apartment before you move in. You should inspect everything listed in the condition report with the caretaker to make sure it is not already damaged. If something is damaged before you move in, this is a good time to ask the landlord to fix it.





Paying Rent

It is best for your own records to pay by cheque. The landlord or caretaker will tell you where to pay rent when you move in. You should ask for a receipt if you are paying your rent in cash.

Moving Out

All agreements will specify how much advance notice you must give a landlord before you can move out. If you are renting month-to-month you may have to give the landlord notice in writing, one or two months before you want to move out. If you signed a lease you will have to stay until the lease period is finished or sublet (rent) the apartment to another tenant. Subletting the apartment can be done only after the landlord gives approval.

Buying Your Own Home

Homes can be purchased with CMHC (Canada Mortgage and Housing Commission) approval with a 5% down payment (if the home and the applicant meet certain criteria). For more information visit www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca or ask your financial institution (bank or credit union).

Homes can be purchased with 5% to 25% down payment depending on the financial institution chosen by the purchaser.

A prospective buyer will also have to pay legal fees and other possible fees. Homes can be purchased through various Real Estate Agents in Morden or privately with the help of a lawyer.

Local Real Estate Agents:

- Morden Realty 204-822-4481
www.mordenrealty.com
- Remax Home Team 204-822-1200
www.remaxmorden.ca
- Ron Wiebe Agencies 204-822-5433
www.ronwiebeagencies.com
- Gables Realty 204-822-3161
www.gablesrealty.ca

Building Your Own Home

It is important that you get help from a local building contractor who can ensure you have satisfied all permits and codes.

Renovating Your Home

Before you make any plans to renovate your home, you must ensure that your plans comply with the Morden building and zoning regulations. You can get that information at the Morden Civic Centre office located at 100 - 195 Stephen Street. Phone: 204-822-4434.



LAWS IN MANITOBA

Drinking

- The legal age for drinking alcohol in Manitoba is 18. It is illegal to serve alcohol to minors (anyone under 18) in bars, restaurants and other public places.
- It is illegal to drink alcohol in public places such as streets or parks. You may drink in your own home and on your own property. It is illegal to drink alcohol in your car.
- It is illegal to drink and drive. The police are allowed to give a breath test to drivers suspected of drinking and driving. Persons caught driving a vehicle with a blood alcohol level over the allowed limit will lose their license and also lose the right to drive for three months or longer and your vehicle may be taken away. Anyone caught driving while their license is suspended will have their vehicle taken away.

Smoking

- In Manitoba, you must be 18 years old to buy cigarettes.
- Smoking is not allowed in government offices and public buildings such as schools, banks, stores and restaurants.
- It is illegal to smoke in vehicles when children under 16 years of age are present. This applies to all lighted tobacco products.

Relationships

- The law in Manitoba supports the use of reasonable force but discourages parents from using harsh physical punishment on their children. It is against the law to punish children so harshly that you leave marks on a child's body.
- It is against the law to leave children at home alone unless they are 12 years old. Babysitters must be at least 12 years old.
- Manitoba has a zero tolerance policy towards domestic abuse. This means that violence in the home against spouses and children is a crime. The police **MUST** charge individuals for domestic abuse even if the spouse does not wish to proceed with charges. It is not up to the spouse if they wish to proceed with charges.
- It is illegal to have sexual relations with a minor under the age of 16 and illegal to solicit the services of a prostitute.





LAWS IN MANITOBA

Buying a Vehicle

All vehicles licensed in Manitoba **MUST HAVE** a valid safety inspection certificate. A safety certificate is valid for one year from the date of issue and states that the condition of a vehicle has been brought to a set standard at the time of the issue. Just because a safety certificate is still valid does not mean a vehicle is still safe to drive. If you are buying the vehicle near the expiry of the safety certificate, the condition of the vehicle may have deteriorated to an unsafe condition. It is a good idea to pay a mechanic to check the condition of any vehicle before you buy it. Once you have registered your vehicle with a valid safety certificate, you do not have to have your vehicle re-inspected for as long as you own it.

When you buy a new vehicle from a dealership it will automatically have a valid safety certificate and you will pay all taxes to the dealership.

When buying a used vehicle from a dealership it will most likely have the safety certificate included but you should ask. When buying a vehicle from a private individual, make sure to ask whether the vehicle has a valid safety certificate. You will have to pay the tax on the used vehicle when you register it.

Vehicles are registered through your Insurance Agent. To register and insure your vehicle in Morden, visit:

- BSI Insurance - B-630 Thornhill St.
Phone: 204-822-5406
- Morden Agencies - 339 Stephen St.
Phone: 204-822-4482



Driving

- In order to drive legally in Manitoba, you must have a valid driver's license from Manitoba or your country of origin. You need to apply for your Manitoba Driver's License as soon as possible upon arrival in Morden. Legally you must obtain a Manitoba Driver's License within 3 months of your arrival. You must carry your license at all times when you will be driving. If caught driving without your license, you can be fined.
- It is illegal to operate a hand operated cell phone or electronic device while driving a vehicle. If caught doing so, the fines for drivers are approximately \$200.00.
- For more information visit the website at: www.mpi.mb.ca.





LAWS IN MANITOBA

Vehicle Insurance

The Manitoba government sets vehicle insurance rates and it is called Autopac. You can purchase insurance from different Autopac agencies, but the rates remain the same. In Manitoba, you will receive merits for a good driving record and lose merits with a poor driving record. Your merit status will influence the amount you will pay for vehicle insurance. You can get up to 25% discounted from your car insurance premium if you have no merits. To receive your merit standing in Manitoba, you will need two documents.

1. A letter from your insurance company stating that you have had no claims.
2. A Driver's Abstract from the government of your former country verifying your driving record.

There are 2 Autopac Agencies in Morden:

- BSI Insurance - B-630 Thornhill St. 204-822-5406
- Morden Agencies - 339 Stephen St. 204-822-4482

Be careful to insure a vehicle for the purpose it is to be used for. Example, if you are going to use the vehicle for work purposes, it must say so on your insurance policy in order for you to have coverage while you drive to work and while you are working.



GOVERNMENT BENEFITS

Canada Child Tax Benefits (CCTB)

The Child Tax Benefit is a federal government program that provides monthly payments to help you with the cost of raising children. This program is for parents with children under 18 years of age. Payment is made to the parent who has the responsibility for the child's care and upbringing. In most cases, the mother of the child is considered to be that person.

The amount of monthly Canada Child Tax Benefit is based on your family income for the previous year. If you are eligible, a letter that shows the amount of your monthly payment for each child will be sent to you. It takes a few months to receive this benefit, after application.

To apply call 1-800-387-1193.

Manitoba Child Benefit Program (MCB)

The Manitoba Child Benefit Program is a provincial government program that helps low income families with dependent children under 18 years of age.

The amount of money you will receive depends on your yearly family income. Maximum benefit per child is \$35.00. You must also be receiving your Canada Child Tax Benefit before you can apply for this support.

An application must be completed each year to determine eligibility. You are not able to receive this benefit and Social Assistance at the same time. To apply call: 1-800-563-8793

SOCIAL & FAMILY SERVICES

Addictions Foundation of Manitoba

The Addictions Foundation of Manitoba is responsible for providing intervention, rehabilitation, prevention, public information and education services for Manitoba citizens relating to addictions. The office is located at 108B - 8th Street, Morden. Phone: 204-822-1296.

Alzheimer Society of MB South Central Region

This group provides education, resources, and support for families and care-givers of persons diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or related dementia. The office is located at 204 Main Street, Winkler. For more information visit the website at www.alzheimer.mb.ca. Phone: 204-325-5634.

Eden Health Care Services

Eden Health responds to the mental health needs of the Southern Manitoba area. They work in partnership with the Regional Health Authority - Central Manitoba and the Mennonite Churches of Manitoba. Office is located at 309 Main Street, Winkler, MB. Web: www.edenhealthcare.ca

Employment Support Program (ESP)

ESP works with people who are physically and/or mentally disadvantaged. They have to be out of school but there is no age limit. ESP works with the client and the business sector to find the right job for each individual. Contact: Segue Career Options, 309 Main St. Winkler. Phone: 204-325-8988.

Gateway Resources Inc.

Gateway Resources provides services and programs for intellectually handicapped adults in the Morden-Winkler area of south central Manitoba. They have a total of 11 group homes that house participants ranging from more complex needs (autism, wheelchair bound) to senior citizens. Location: 1582 Pembina Ave W, Winkler. For more information visit the website at www.gatewayresourcesinc.com Phone: 204-325-7304.

Genesis House - Family Crisis Line/Family Violence Assistance

Genesis House exists so that people of South Central Manitoba will be free from family and intimate partner abuse at a reasonable cost. They provide a confidential service, which includes a shelter for abused women and their children, residential and non-residential programs and prevention through public education. Contact: Genesis House - SCCFV, Inc. Box 389, Winkler, MB. R6W 4A6 Admin Line: 204-325-9957 Crisis Line: 1-877-977-0007. Website: www.geneshouseshelter.ca

Morden Community Handi-Van Service

The Handi-Van offers transportation for seniors and people with mobility disadvantages for a subsidized fee. Phone: 204-822-5047.

Morden Community Thrift Shop

Visit the Morden Thrift Shop located at 220 North Railway Street for a nice selection of gently used clothing, housewares, and toys at good prices. The Thrift Shop is a generous supporter of community services that benefit all of our residents. Phone: 204-822-3435.



Morden 55+ Activity Centre

There is always something fun and informative happening at the centre. This great facility is located at 306 North Railway Street, Morden. Phone: 204-822-3555 – Centre Manager Phone: 204-822-5663 – Services For Seniors Website: www.mordenseniors.ca.





SOCIAL & FAMILY SERVICES

Morden Parent & Child Resource Centre

Helping families to grow strong and healthy. They provide a support group for issues around parenting, pre-school literacy programs, parenting classes and nutrition counselling. It is a one stop shop giving you access to a network of pre-school resources. The office is located at 200-30 Stephen Street, Morden. Phone: 204-822-1231.

Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Centre

This group offers support to anyone impacted by pregnancy. All services are free, confidential and include pregnancy tests, counselling, ongoing support and information on pregnancy, sexuality, parenting, adoption and abortion. We do not perform or refer for abortion services. The office is located at 110 - 30 Stephen Street, Morden. For more information visit the website at:

www.pvpcc.com

Phone: 204-822-9591.

Society for Manitobans with Disabilities (SMD)

SMD is a group of organizations that are working together to improve the lives of persons with disabilities in Manitoba. Adult services provide vocational supports to persons with physical disabilities with the goal of attaining gainful employment. Children's services use a family-centered approach. They work in consultation with schools, daycares and other support services to develop a plan that will make a positive difference in every aspect of a child's life. The SMD Services office is located at 100 - 30 Stephen Street, Morden. For more information visit the website at:

www.smd.mb.ca

Ph: 204-822-7412 or Toll Free 1-800-269-5451.

South Central ASD Support Group

They bring support and awareness about autism and the autism spectrum to the Pembina Valley and surrounding areas. Their goals include information sharing, education and proactively supporting each other. They welcome ALL family, friends and support workers who are touched by the Autism Spectrum Disorder. For more information visit the website at

www.southcentralasd.blogspot.com

Email: southcentralasd@gmail.com.

South Central Cancer Resource (SCCR)

SCCR provides support to cancer patients who live in the service area. SCCR is a registered non-profit charitable organization administered by an elected Board of Directors. A Resource Coordinator and volunteers staff the office in Morden. The Organization is funded entirely by the communities that it serves, in the form of grants, memoriam and donations. The office is located at 2-160 Stephen Street, Morden. Website: www.sccr.mb.ca Phone: 204-822-9541.

Special Olympics - Morden Bravehearts

The Special Olympics program for people with disabilities in Morden offers its athletes a great variety of sports and games. Phone: Joanne Hartry at 204-822-6376.

Welcome Wagon - Welcome to Morden Program

If you are new to Morden, a newlywed, or just had a baby, you could receive a basket of complimentary gifts and coupons from local Morden businesses. In order for this to happen, Welcome Wagon needs your contact information. Please call the Community Welcome Wagon Representative: Phone: Ramona Thiessen at 204-822-9964.

Website: www.welcomewagon.ca

For a complete list of all local organizations, visit the website at www.mordenmb.com.



NEWCOMER SERVICES

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Regional Connections

The Regional Connections offices offer many different services for newcomers and immigrants in Southern Manitoba.

Winkler Office

295 Perry Street, Winkler, MB, R6W 4A6
Phone: 204-325-4059

Morden Office

34 Stephen Street, Morden, MB R6M 2G3
Phone: 204-822-4387

Website: www.regionalconnections.ca

- Settlement Services

The Settlement Services office will help you settle in your new community. They offer assistance with document translation, completing child tax forms, registering children in school, getting a healthcare card, translation services with doctor appointments, finding housing and much more.

- Learning English First

Finding work in Manitoba is not always easy even for people who are native to the province. For newcomers, it can be particularly frustrating because many employers want their employees to have good English language skills and previous Canadian work experience. English As An Additional Language (EAL) classes can help improve your English.

- Pembina Valley Language/Education for Adults (PVLEA)

The PVLEA provides full-time and part-time EAL (English As An Additional Language) and literacy classes. Call the Regional Connections office at 204-325-4059 for further details about class registration.

- Job Preparation & Job Search Programs

Job presentation and job search programs help people define what skills they have, write resumes and cover letters, learn how to fill out job application forms, develop job interview skills, and find jobs. Regional Connections offers assistance and counselling for people legally entitled to work in Canada. Call them at 204-325-4059.

- Immigrant Credentials & Labour Market Branch

If you need information about getting your professional credentials recognized in Manitoba you can contact Regional Connections by calling 204-325-4059.





HEALTH

Medical Card

Most medical services are paid for by Manitoba Health and are available to all returning Canadians, permanent residents and valid work permit holders in Manitoba. To be able to access these services you must apply for insurance through Manitoba Health. You may receive health care benefits from the first day of your arrival if you have identification.

How to apply for a Medical card;

In Person: at the Morden Civic Centre, 195 Stephen Street,
online at: <http://www.manitoba.ca/health/mhsip/forms.html>
or by contacting:

Manitoba Health – Insured Benefits Branch
300 Carlton Street, Winnipeg, MB R3B 3M9
Phone: 204-786-7101 Fax: 204-783-2171
Toll Free: 1-800-392-1207

Coverage will begin on the first day of the third month after your arrival in Manitoba. For example, if you arrive on April 29, April will count as the first month, with May and June as the following two. Therefore, in this case your coverage would begin July 1.



Manitoba Health issues a card to all Manitoba residents, which includes a 9-digit lifetime identification number. Each person in your family (under the age of 18) will be listed on your

card and will have their own Personal Health Identification Number (PHIN). Anyone over the age of 18 must apply for their own Medical Card. We advise that you carry your certificate with you at all times and present it whenever you or your dependants require health services.

Please report a new address, a marriage, birth, adoption, death, divorce or legal separation to Manitoba Health. If you lose your certificate, be sure to write or telephone Manitoba Health for a replacement.

The cost of dental care, eye glasses and medication are not covered by Manitoba Health.

Emergency Medical Services

Emergency Medical Services are available at the Boundary Trails Health Centre (hospital) located at the intersection of Highway 3 and Highway 14 between Morden & Winkler.

The Emergency Service is open 24 hours a day and should only be used in emergencies. Ambulance service IS NOT covered by the government and will cost you more than \$200. An ambulance should be called in life-threatening situations. Dial 911 if there is an emergency.

Walk In Clinics

If you need to see a Doctor quickly, Agassiz Medical Centre, located at 115-30 Stephen Street, has walk in clinics Monday to Friday 11:30 am to 7:30 pm. Whenever you go to a clinic or emergency room you will be asked for your Manitoba Health Card.



Health Links

Health Links is a 24-hour, 7-days a week telephone information service. Staffed by registered nurses with the knowledge to provide answers over the phone to health care questions and guide you to the care you need. Call anytime 1-204-788-8200 or toll-free 1-888-315-9257.

Family Doctors

One of the first things you need to do is find yourself a doctor. Most people in Canada have a family doctor who they see for general health problems or for regular check-ups. If necessary, the doctor can refer you to a specialist for special health problems. You must make an appointment to see a family doctor or a specialist. If you have health records from your country or province, bring them with you to show to your new doctor. This is especially important if you or your family requires immunizations or special treatment.

To get a family doctor or book a Doctor's appointment, Phone: Agassiz Medical Centre 204-822-4474. To see the list of doctors at the clinic visit www.agassizmedicalcentre.com.

Dentists

Dental care is not covered under Manitoba Health. The cost of dental care is usually covered through cash payment by the patient or through privately purchased dental insurance. Some jobs offer package health benefit plans for their employees.

In Morden, there are 2 clinics that provide dental service:

- Boundary Trails Dental - 401 North Railway St.
Phone: 204-822-6259
- Care Dental Corporation - 500-34 Stephen St.
Phone: 204-822-5506

Eye Care

Eye Care is not covered under Manitoba Health. You have to pay all costs for eyeglasses, contact lenses and eye-care. If you are less than 19 or over 65 years old you can receive one free eye examination each year. In Morden, there is one family Eye Care Centre to serve you:

- Focal Point - 32 Stephen Street
Phone: 204-822-5478



Chiropractors

There are three chiropractic service specialists in Morden:

- Boundary Trails Chiropractic Centre - 204-822-6464
- Grass Roots Chiropractic & Wellness Ctr - 204-822-6770
- Morden Chiropractic Centre - 204-822-5403



Medication and Prescriptions

There are many different kinds of medicines that you can buy at a Drug Store (Pharmacy). Some medication can only be obtained by prescription while others can be bought over the counter. Medication is not covered by Manitoba Health. If you are unsure which medicine to buy, you can ask the pharmacist. Check with the pharmacist regarding PharmaCare assistance (government assistance based on income and amount of medication used.)

In Morden, there are 3 Pharmacies to serve you:

- Apothecary of Morden 204-822-5222
- Pharmasave 204-822-4444
- Shoppers Drug Mart 204-822-4403

Drinking Water

City tap water is regulated to meet health standards for drinking. Rural properties should not be sold without drinking water that passes government standards. If you are considering buying a property that is not connected to City or Municipal water be sure to inquire about the water and find out if it passes government standards. Bottled water is found at many businesses in Morden.

Public Health

Public Health nurses provide a variety of services including immunizations for all ages, prenatal classes, postpartum home visitation and follow up, breast-feeding assistance, travel immunizations and are a good resource for health related questions.

- Public Health Nurse 204-331-8841
- Pembina Valley Pregnancy Care Ctr 204-822-9591

Care for the Elderly

The Tabor Home, located at 230 - 9th St. South, offers many services including; Geriatric Services, Adult Day Care, Meals On Wheels and the Community Handi-Van.

- Tabor Home 204-822-4848

Community Mental Health

Community Mental Health services are operated by Regional Health Authorities and assist people with mental health difficulties to develop coping and living skills and obtain other community services needed to meet their living needs and personal goals. For assistance or more information contact:

- Community Mental Health 1-888-310-4593
- After Hours Crisis Line 1-866-588-1697



EDUCATION

Find A School

Public education is free and available to every child in Canada.

The Western School Division operates a system of four schools and an adult education centre, that serve the City of Morden and a rural area of approximately 400 square kilometers. The student population is composed of over 1600 students, both urban and rural.

Western School Division Office:
Unit 4 - 75 Thornhill Street, Morden, R6M 1P2
Phone: 204-822-4448
Website: www.westernsd.mb.ca

Morden Schools:

Maple Leaf Elementary School
(Kindergarten to Grade 4, English & French Immersion)
225-12th Street, Morden, MB., R6M 1Z3
Phone: 204-822-4458 Email: mloff@westernsd.mb.ca

Minnewasta Elementary School
(Kindergarten to Grade 4, English)
1 Academy Drive, Morden, MB., R6M 1Z4
Phone: 204-822-4580 Email: minnoff@westernsd.mb.ca

École Morden Middle School
(Grades 5 to 8, English & French Immersion)
150 Wardrop Street, Morden, MB., R6M 1Z2
Phone: 204-822-6225 Email: emmsoff@westernsd.mb.ca

Morden Collegiate Institute
(Grades 9 to 12 English, Vocational & French Immersion)
345-5th Street, Morden, MB., R6M 1Z1
Phone: 204-822-4425 Email: mcioff@westernsd.mb.ca

Morden Adult Education Centre
(Grades 9 to 12 Adult Education)
200-30 Stephen Street, Morden, MB. R6M 2G3
Phone: 204-822-1231 Email: kvipond@westernsd.mb.ca

Register Your Child

When registering your child the school will need proof of residency (such as a utility bill or lease agreement), proof of your child's date of birth, and a completed school registration form including your child's health card number.

The earlier the principal is aware of a new student's arrival, the better prepared the school can be. Advance notice gives school staff time to meet with you to find out more about your family so that the transition into school will be successful.

Usually children start going to school when they are four or five and must attend school until the age of 15 or 16. Kindergarten remains an optional year of schooling. Parents and Guardians are encouraged to register their children who are five years old before December 31st at the school of their choice.





Morden Adult Education Centre

The Morden Adult Education Centre is designed to be an alternative to regular high school for adult students. The centre partners with Western School Division to provide this service. The centre is located at Boundary Trails Place, 200 – 30 Stephen St.
Phone: 204-822-1231.

Red River Technical Vocational Area (R.R.T.V.A.)

The RRTVA is a partnership of five southern Manitoba school divisions devoted to providing technology education options to high school students in the region.

Think of RRTVA as a 'virtual' regional technical school. Instead of one large building there are six locations that have from one to six technical programs. Students have a 'home' and 'away' semester. The required core credits are earned in the students 'home' school. During the 'away' semester, they are bused to the school that offers the program of their choice. They can earn anywhere from four to twelve credits toward graduation in a technical program.

Phone: Harv Giesbrecht at 1-204-324-7234

Email: giesbrechth@borderland.ca

Home Schooling

Parents do have the choice to home school their children. To do this, you must register with the Department of Education and follow a specific curriculum.

Nursery, Day Care Centres & Family Child Care Homes

There are licensed facilities and homes in Morden that provide nursery school or child care services to families. Subsidy is also available for qualifying families. For current information contact: Family Services & Consumer Affairs, Community Services Delivery - Child Care Coordinator - Ph: 204-822-2870



Red River College – Winkler Campus

Red River College Winkler Campus offers courses in the Pembina Valley providing access to post-secondary education and training programs.

Red River College courses offer personal and professional development for adults at many different stages in their lives and careers.

Location: Main Plaza Mall, 100-561 Main Street, Winkler.

Phone: 204-325-9672

Website: www.rrc.mb.ca

Campus Manitoba

Campus Manitoba (CMB) is a group of Manitoba's public post-secondary institutions that provides access to college and university courses and programs for Manitobans through distributed learning mechanisms including the internet.

Regional CMB centres staffed by CMB coordinators provide academic and logistical support for students enrolled in Campus Manitoba. These coordinators also provide logistical support for students in distance learning courses at Red River College, Assiniboine Community College and University College of the North. Further academic support is provided through Off-Campus Library Services and an online Resource Directory.

Phone: 1-866-445 0063

Email: cmbcarman@brandonu.ca

Website: www.campusmanitoba.com

EMPLOYMENT

Social Insurance Number

A Social Insurance Number (SIN) is your personal identification number issued by the Government of Canada. You need to have a Social Insurance Number to work in Canada. It can also help you to open a bank account and cash cheques.

To apply for your SIN you will need to take one of the following documents to the Service Canada Centre located in Morden at 158 Stephen Street. You will be required to show:

- Canada Immigration Record and Visa or Record of Landing (IMM 1000)
- Visitor Record, Employment Authorization or Minister's Permit Extension (IMM 1442 or equivalent)
- Refugee Status Claim (IMM 1434)

You must take original documents or copies of the documents that are certified by Notary Public or a Commissioner of Oaths to prove they are exact copies. While you are waiting for your Social Insurance Number to arrive you may still apply for jobs by showing a copy of your application.



Finding a Job

- Newspapers: Some job openings are advertised in the Classified section of the local newspapers.
- Service Canada: There is a computerized Job Bank system at the Service Canada office located at 158 Stephen Street. They can assist you with your job search.
- Internet Listing: Visit www.localjobshopp.ca where jobs for Morden, Winkler and Altona are listed.
- Direct Contact: You may also approach businesses directly with your resume, or fill out one of their company application forms.
- Internet Research: Many companies have a website and it is always a good idea to do research via the internet. These companies will post vacancies on line. When applying to a job that you have found on the internet, you may want to mention you found the opening on their website - it shows that you have done research for the job and about the company.





Employment Manitoba - offers bi-lingual services to help people to prepare for, find and keep employment. It offers a wide range of services, including:

- Employment needs assessment
- Employment/career counselling
- Referrals to community agencies
- Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) advisory services to help you identify skills you have
- Information on job openings, Manitoba's labour market, training options and opportunities, career options, and educational institutions
- Job search assistance
- Access to computers for resume writing, internet job search, and online application for student loans
- Access to additional employment services.

Employment Manitoba
Unit 1 - 160 Stephen Street, Morden, R6M 1T3
Ph: 204-822-2324 Website: www.manitoba.ca/employment

Income Tax

Every year Canadians need to file an Income Tax Return with the Canadian Government.

Canada's tax systems pay for roads, public utilities, education, health care, economic development, cultural activities, defence, law enforcement, and many other services and programs.

Any person who is employed and collects a paycheque must submit an income tax return each year. One parent should submit an income tax return in order to receive GST and Child Tax Credit benefits from the government.

Generally, your tax return has to be filed on or before April 30th each year. It is a good idea to start the process early every year to make sure that your return is finished in time.

There are 2 ways that you can prepare your Income Tax Return.

1. Do it yourself;
2. Pay for an Accountant or a Bookkeeper to prepare it for you.

To prepare your Income Tax Return yourself, you can pick up the free booklet and forms at the Post Office, located at 101-8th Street. If you would like to pay a professional to prepare your return, look in the phone book for an Accountant, Bookkeeper, or under Income Tax Return Preparation in the Yellow Pages of the phone book.

If you require further assistance to get ready to file your tax return, please contact the Regional Connections office in Winkler at 204-325-4059 to make an appointment.

The Canadian Government website is very helpful and has a lot of information about Income Tax Returns.

Visit the website at www.cra-arc.gc.ca





COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

RECREATION

Curling - Morden Curling Club is located at 327 - 2nd Street. It offers great curling in a relaxed environment. There are club leagues to join, as well as regular bonspiels. Phone: 204-822-4363.

Golfing - Minnewasta Golf & Country Club is a world class 18-hole golf course located within City limits! There is a practice facility, pro shop, and a licensed restaurant. Competitive and fun leagues offer something for the entire family. Phone 204-822-4992 or visit the website at www.golfminnewasta.com.

Swimming - Lake Minnewasta Recreation Area is located 1 mile west of Morden on Hwy #3 & ½ mile south on PTH #434. It is a great place to enjoy swimming, fishing, water skiing, canoeing, sailing and hiking. Phone: 204-822-4991 (May – Sept) or visit www.mordenmb.com.

Skateboarding – The BSI Skate Plaza is located at the corner of Wardrop & 1st Street. It is an unsupervised facility.

Aquatic Spray Park – The Morden Spray Park, Sponsored by Decor Cabinets is located in the Morden Park. What a great place for young children to cool off in summer. The spray park is for children 12 years of age and under. Parents must supervise their children while playing.



Recreation Facility – The Access Event Centre is operated by the City's Community Services Department and is located at 111 Gilmour Street. It is an all season facility with two artificial ice arenas, a community hall, banquet seating for 600, meeting rooms and baseball diamonds. It also houses the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre and Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame museums.

For information about hockey, gymnastics, skating, soccer, baseball or other recreational activities, call the Community Services Department at 204-822-5431 or visit the website at www.mordenmb.com.

CULTURE

Pembina Hills Art Gallery & Gift Shop

The gallery is located at 352 Stephen Street. Classes are open to the public. They offer a summer arts camp for kids which takes place in July & August. For more information please phone 204-822-6026 or visit the website at www.pembinahillsarts.com.



South Central Regional Library

The library is located at 514 Stephen Street. To use books at the library you will need a library card. The library cards are free to Morden residents. Phone 204-822-4092 or visit the website at www.scrlibrary.mb.ca.

Local Festivals

Throughout the summer you can enjoy the festivals that take place in and around Morden.

June

- Back 40 Festival – Morden - www.back40folkfest.com
- Potato & Blossom Festival – Carman - www.townofcarman.com

July

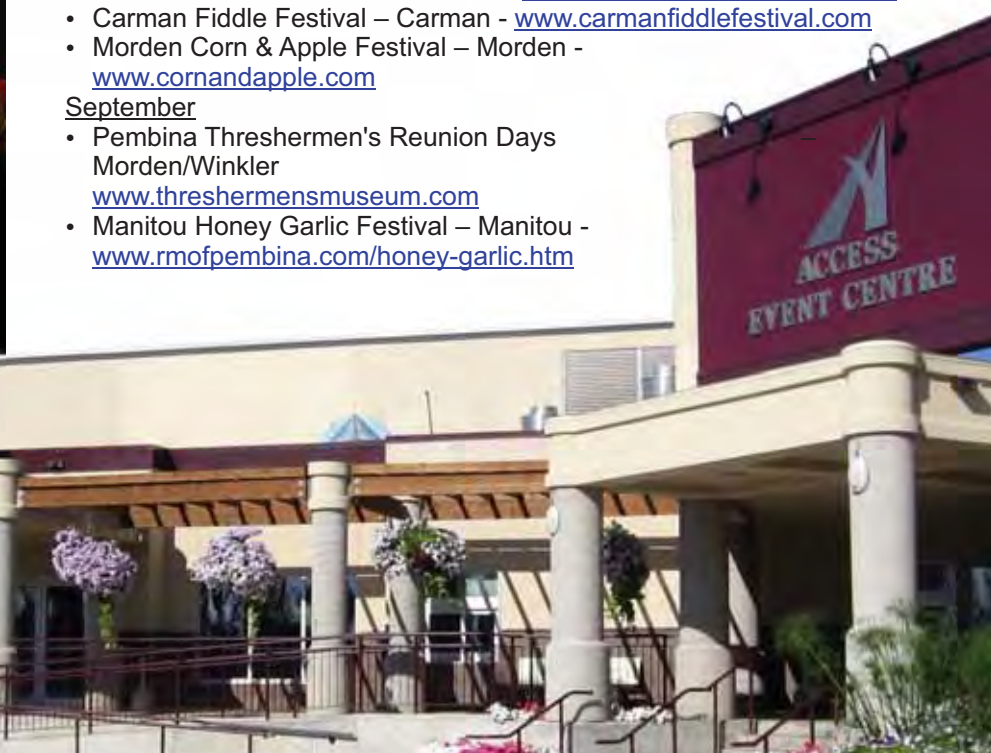
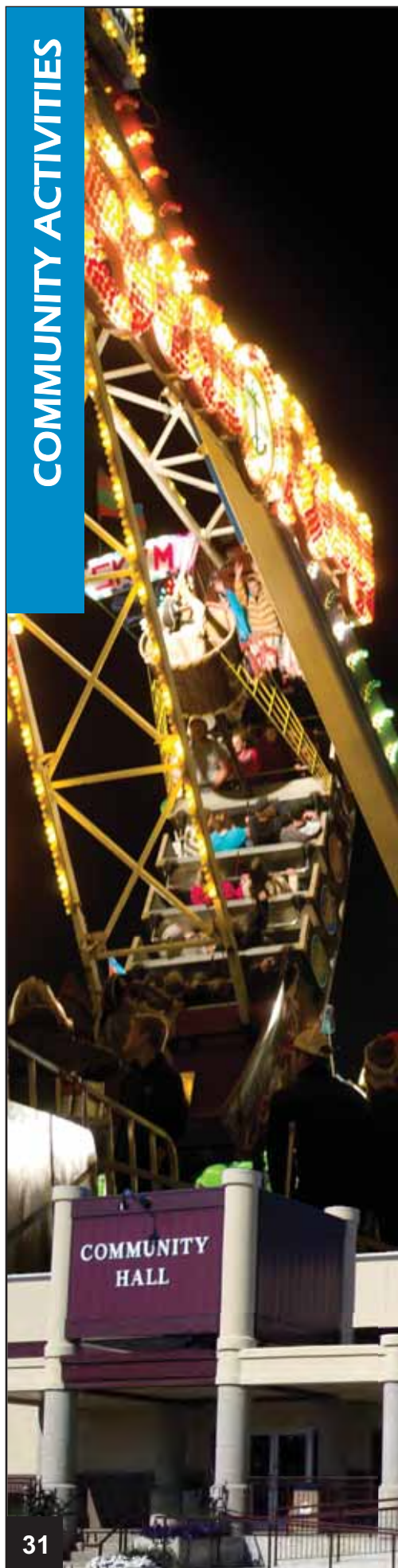
- Morris Stampede – Morris - www.manitobastampede.ca
- Sunflower Festival – Altona - www.townofaltona.com

August

- Winkler Harvest Festival – Winkler - www.winklerharvestfestival.com
- Carman Fiddle Festival – Carman - www.carmanfiddlefestival.com
- Morden Corn & Apple Festival – Morden - www.cornandapple.com

September

- Pembina Threshermen's Reunion Days
Morden/Winkler
www.threshermuseum.com
- Manitou Honey Garlic Festival – Manitou - www.rmofpembina.com/honey-garlic.htm



Churches in Morden

There are many churches to choose from in Morden. Most offer services in English only. Many of the churches offer organized Sunday School Classes for children from the ages of 3 to 18 years of age, and some offer organized youth groups and Adult Bible study classes.

Here is a list of the churches in Morden:

Ambassador Baptist Church	685 Stephen St.	204-822-1414
Christ Lutheran Church	155 Gilmour St.	204-822-3277
Christian Life Centre	605 – 1st St.	204-822-6209
Church of God	141 – 6th St.	204-822-5557
E.M. Mennonite Church	610 – 1st St.	204-822-4388
Faith Christian Fellowship	940 Thornhill St.	204-822-4219
Hillside Community Church	10 Thornhill St.	204-822-1166
Morden Alliance Church	181 – 15th St.	204-822-4060
Morden Mennonite Church	365 Gilmour St.	204-822-7450
Morden Summerfeld Church	5 Parkwood St.	204-822-3426
St. John's Evangelist Catholic	#2 Academy Dr.	204-822-5240
St. Paul's United Church	353 Thornhill St.	204-822-4508
St. Thomas Anglican Church	131 – 8th St.	204-822-5647
West Side Community Church	831 Thornhill St.	204-822-5172
Zion Evangelical Lutheran	144 – 7th St.	204-822-4838

For full details on the service times, email addresses and websites, visit the Morden website at www.mordenmb.com.





Emergency Telephone Numbers

Morden Fire Service

Fire Emergency	911	
Fire Administration		204-822-3888

Morden Police Service

Police Emergency	204-822-4900
Police Administration	204-822-6292

Royal Canadian Mounted Police

RCMP Emergency	204-822-5469
RCMP Administration	204-822-4476

Social Services

Family Violence (Genesis House)	
Local Line:	204-325-9800
OR	1-877-977-0007

Medical Services

Boundary Trails Health Centre	204-331-8800
Agassiz Medical Centre	204-822-4474

EMERGENCY?

What To Do:

1. Call 911 and ask for FIRE, AMBULANCE, POLICE or POISON TREATMENT.
2. Give the operator your location and describe the emergency.

