

Fire ban

Factsheet

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WHERE IS THE FIRE BAN?

- The fire ban is in effect within the Fort McMurray, High Level and parts of Edson Forest Areas. Cities, towns, villages and summer villages as well as National Parks are not covered by this fire ban. These jurisdictions have the authority to issue their own bans and may have complementary bans in place. Please refer to AlbertaFireBans.ca for exact locations.

WHAT IS PROHIBITED?

- All outdoor wood fires are banned, including wood campfires on public lands, wood campfires on private land and provincial campgrounds, backyard firepits and the use of BBQ charcoal briquettes. The use of fireworks and exploding targets are also prohibited.

WHAT IS ALLOWED?

- Propane/natural gas-powered appliances.
- Open flame oil devices (e.g., turkey deep fryers, tiki torches).
- Indoor wood fires contained within a device with a chimney and spark arrestor.
- All appliances must be CSA approved and used per manufacturer's standards.
- Users are still responsible for care and attendance of all devices and should reduce their use during fire restrictions and bans. Approved activities or devices will not prevent prosecution or litigation if the user or device starts a wildfire.

ARE FIRE PERMITS ALLOWED?

- All fire permits are suspended or cancelled. If the burning is industry (energy, forestry) or agricultural related, an assessment for any permit will be made by a forest officer.

HOW LONG WILL THE FIRE BAN BE IN PLACE?

- Alberta Forestry, Parks and Tourism will be monitoring conditions on a daily basis and will amend the fire ban when appropriate.

WHY IS THE FIRE BAN IN PLACE?

- The fire ban has been put into place in response to recent hot and dry conditions and no expected precipitation in the forecast.

UNDER WHAT AUTHORITY WAS THE FIRE BAN PUT IN PLACE?

- The fire ban was enacted under section 21 of the Forest and Prairie Protection Act.

WHAT PENALTIES ARE IN PLACE?

- If you're found to be burning during a fire ban, you may be issued a \$600 ticket. Individuals found responsible for starting a wildfire may be charged with the cost of fighting the fire.

WHERE CAN I GET THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION?

- Online: albertafirebans.ca
- Facebook: Alberta Wildfire
- Twitter: @AlbertaWildfire
- Phone: 1-866-FYI-FIRE

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