

Fire advisory

Factsheet

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WHERE IS THE FIRE ADVISORY?

- The fire advisory is in effect within the Fort McMurray forest area south of Lake Athabasca in the Forest Protection Area (FPA) of Alberta. Cities, towns, villages and summer villages as well as National Parks are exempt from this advisory. These jurisdictions have the authority to issue their own advisories and may have complementary advisories in place. Please refer to AlbertaFireBans.ca for exact locations.

WHAT IS PROHIBITED?

- Any burning (other than a campfire) without a valid fire permit is prohibited.

WHAT IS ALLOWED?

- Safe wood campfires on public and private lands.
- Backyard fire pits.
- Charcoal briquette barbeques.
- Gas and liquid powered appliances (e.g., stoves, lanterns, fire rings).
- Open flame oil devices (e.g., turkey deep fryers, tiki torches).
- Indoor wood fires (such as inside a facility, building, tent or RV) and contained within a device with a chimney and spark arrestor.
- All devices must be certified for use in Canada and used per manufacturer's standards.
- Users are still responsible when using approved devices and should reduce their use if possible. Approved activities or devices will not prevent prosecution if the user or device starts a wildfire.

ARE FIRE PERMITS ALLOWED?

- All existing permits remain valid, but renewals will be considered on a case-by-case basis

HOW LONG WILL THE FIRE ADVISORY BE IN PLACE?

- Alberta Forestry and Parks will be monitoring conditions daily and will amend the fire advisory when appropriate.

WHY IS THE FIRE ADVISORY IN PLACE?

- The fire advisory has been put into place in response to recent hot and dry conditions and no expected precipitation in the forecast. Grass is very dry and can ignite easily and spread quickly.

UNDER WHAT AUTHORITY WAS THE FIRE ADVISORY PUT IN PLACE?

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

WHAT PENALTIES ARE IN PLACE?

- If you're found to be burning without a permit, you may be issued a \$360 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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