

Fire restriction

Factsheet

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WHERE IS THE FIRE RESTRICTION?

- The fire restriction is in effect within the High Level, Peace River, and northern portions of the Fort McMurray and Grande Prairie forests areas of the Forest Protection Area (FPA) of Alberta. Cities, towns, villages and summer villages as well as National Parks are exempt from this restriction. These jurisdictions have the authority to issue their own restrictions and may have complementary restrictions in place. Please refer to AlbertaFireBans.ca for exact locations.

WHAT IS PROHIBITED?

- All outdoor wood fires are banned on public lands, including backcountry and random camping. The use of fireworks and exploding targets are also prohibited.

WHAT IS ALLOWED?

- Safe wood campfires on private land and within provincial campgrounds if they are inside an engineered campfire ring.
- 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 fire permits are suspended. Essential burning may be allowed, an assessment for any permit will be made by a forest officer.

HOW LONG WILL THE FIRE RESTRICTION BE IN PLACE?

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

WHY IS THE FIRE RESTRICTION IN PLACE?

- The fire restriction 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 RESTRICTION 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 restriction, 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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