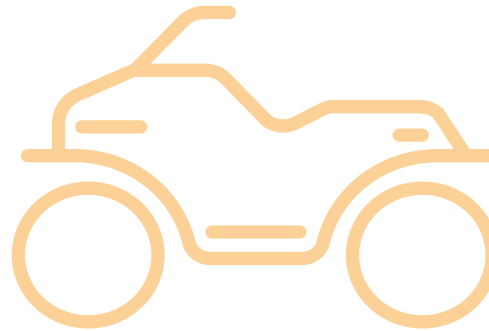


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Wildfire prevention tips



Forest Protection Area of Alberta

Alberta's Forest Protection Area (FPA) covers approximately 60 per cent of the province's landmass. The province is responsible for managing wildfires in this area. Wildfire protection in Alberta is shared between Alberta Wildfire (inside the FPA) and the municipalities and counties outside the FPA.

For more information:
wildfire.alberta.ca/wildfire-maps/administrative-boundaries.aspx

Forest and Prairie Protection Act

If you're responsible for starting a wildfire, you can be charged under the Forest and Prairie Protection Act (FPPA), fined and held liable for all costs associated with fighting the wildfire. All Alberta legislation, including the FPPA, can be found at the Queen's Printer.

For more information:
qp.alberta.ca

Wildfire safety and prevention:

wildfire.alberta.ca
Report wildfires: 310.FIRE

Current fire bans:

albertafirebans.ca

Questions?

wildfireinfo@gov.ab.ca
1.866.FYI.FIRE

Off-highway vehicles

Off-highway vehicles (OHVs) include all-terrain vehicles, quads, trikes and other vehicles designed for travelling off public roads and on unpaved trails and rough terrain. Debris falling from these vehicles can start a wildfire. You can reduce the risk of your vehicle causing a wildfire with a few simple precautions.

How OHVs can start wildfires

- Exhaust systems heat up to temperatures in excess of 204°C – hot enough to fry an egg and start a wildfire.
- At these temperatures, grass, muskeg, moss or other debris that has built up on your machine can heat up, smoulder and ignite.
- The smouldering debris can drop to the ground as you're riding, starting a wildfire.

How you can prevent wildfires

- Before you ride, clean out hot spots and remove debris from your machine.
- After riding through muskeg or tall grass, stop and remove any build-up from your machine.
- Carry a small shovel, collapsible pail or fire extinguisher.
- Wash your quad and keep it clean; do not wash in streams or creeks.
- Make sure your muffler and spark arrestor are working properly.
- Stop frequently. Take the time to knock debris from your machine's hot spots. If the debris is smouldering, soak it, stir it, and soak it again to make sure it's out.

Check these hot spots

1 Exhaust and muffler

2 Under the seat

3 Wheel wells

4 Engine and manifold

