

## A Fire Ban is now in effect for the entire County, along with the towns of Beaverlodge, Sexsmith and Wembley.

The Fire Ban replaces the former **Fire Restriction** issued May 26. The ban is in effect due to hot, dry and windy conditions and a lack of significant rain fall in the forecast, as well as current wildfire activity.

This Fire Ban order will:

- Suspend all fire permits currently issued.
- Require all outdoor fires presently burning whether set under the authority of a Fire Permit or not, extinguished.
- Prohibit the lighting of all outdoor fires (i.e.) recreational fire pits, fires using charcoal briquettes
- Prohibit the lighting of burning barrels
- Prohibit wood fires in engineered facilities in campgrounds
- Prohibit the lighting and display of fireworks or the use of exploding targets
- Prohibit the lighting of any fires in County operated parks and campgrounds

Special Permit request for agricultural burning (crops) may be considered by calling 780-532-9727

Any existing permits in the County of Grande Prairie No.1 are now void and no new fire permits will be issued. All fires currently burning must be extinguished immediately.

Under Bylaw #3122, all fires are banned in the County of Grande Prairie No. 1 until further notice. Examples of banned fire products and practices include charcoal briquettes, open outdoor fires, open pit burning, cooking fires, burning refuse, brush piles and stubble.

### Industrial Activity

Flaring

The following outlines the application of the County fire ban on oilfield flaring.

- NO open pit flaring.
- Fires contained in industrial facilities or on industrial sites approved by a forest officer or fire guardian.

Learn more about **safe burning practices** or contact Regional Fire Service at 780-532-9727.

Failure to comply with this ban could result in prosecution.

## Information Number

If you are unsure how this restriction may affect you, contact the County of Grande Prairie No. 1 Fire Protection Office at 780-532-9727.

## Fire Hazard Levels

Depending on the conditions, the County of Grande Prairie uses the following tiered system to temporarily limit activities that may lead to wildfires. Fire advisories, restrictions or bans can reduce human-cause wildfires.

Fire Hazard Level	Description
Fire Ban	A fire ban prohibits wood campfires on public land, campgrounds, and private land including backyard fire pits. Fire permits will be suspended or cancelled, and no new permits will be issued.
Fire Restriction	A fire restriction prohibits the use of wood campfires on public land but does allow wood campfires inside provincial campgrounds and private property. Fire permits may be restricted, suspended, or cancelled and no new fire permits will be issued.
Fire Advisory	A fire advisory is issued if the fire danger rating has increased. Fire permits may be restricted. Safe campfires are allowed in campgrounds and backcountry or random camping areas, but this level is a warning they may be restricted if the situation doesn't improve.
No Restriction	Normal burning rules apply.

- Contact your area **Fire Guardian** for information on permits, safe burning practices, and more.
- Learn more about how **Fire permits** are issued in the County of Grande Prairie.

## Provincial Resources

View all current fire restrictions and bans in place across the province at [www.albertafirebans.ca](http://www.albertafirebans.ca). Subscribe to be notified of alerts in your area.

Visit **Alberta Agriculture and Forestry** to find more information about campfires, wildfires, burning and protection of our provincial forests.