

Fire Permit Conditions

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EXTRACTS FROM THE FOREST AND PRAIRIES PROTECTION ACT OF ALBERTA 1980.

Section 19 (3) A fire permit is valid only for the period for which it is issued.

- (4) A forest officer or fire guardian issuing a fire permit may endorse on the permit any special fire control conditions with which the applicant must comply in addition to the provisions of this Act and the regulations.

Section 20 A fire permit may be suspended or cancelled at any time by a forest officer or fire guardian and upon receiving notice of the suspension or cancellation the person concerned shall immediately extinguish any fire set pursuant to his permit.

Section 21 (1) For the purpose of fire control the Minister may, by order:

- (a) suspend or cancel within any part or all of Alberta all fire permits, or
(b) prohibit the lighting or require extinguishing of a fire set other than under the authority of a fire permit.
(2) The order made pursuant to subsection (1) shall be immediately published at least twice a day for not less than two consecutive days by such radio and television stations as are considered by the Minister most likely to bring the matter to the attention of the public.
(3) In any area affected by an order made pursuant to subsection (1) every person shall immediately proceed to extinguish every open outdoor fire lit by him or under his authority and every fire located on land occupied or owned by him.

Section 22 No person shall:

- (a) light an outdoor fire without first taking sufficient precautions to ensure that the fire can be kept under control at all times,
(b) light an outdoor fire when weather conditions are conducive to a fire readily escaping out of control,
(c) fail to take reasonable steps to control a fire for the purpose of preventing it from spreading onto land other than his own,
(d) deposit, discard or leave any burning matter or substance in a place where it might ignite other matter and result in a fire,
(e) conduct in a forest protection area any activity that involves the use of fire or that might reasonably be expected to cause a fire, unless he exercises reasonable care to prevent a fire from occurring.

1971 c36 s21; 1976 c20 s5

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Section 4 Every person who sets a fire under authority of a permit shall:

- (a) keep the permit at the site of the fire,
(b) produce and show the permit to an officer on request,
(c) keep the fire under control,
(d) extinguish the fire before expiration of the permit or upon cancellation of the permit,
(e) have a responsible person in attendance at the fire at all times, except as may be otherwise authorized by a forest officer.

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS:

- Winds must be less than 15 km/hr
- 'Smoke Ahead' Signs may be obtained from Lacombe County by calling 403-782 3567
- The Permittee is responsible for the safe control of the fire at all times
- The Permittee must ensure that sufficient tools, equipment and quantities of water are readily available for the size of the burn being conducted
- A minimum of one adult must be present at the fire at all times
- Do not set more fires than can be managed by those on the site
- Burning must not create a physical discomfort to neighbors or impair visibility on a roadway
- There shall be a minimum 15 meter guard cleared of flammable materials area around the debris pile
- Before windrows or piles of brush or debris can be burned:
 - where the debris is a result of land clearing debris windrows can be no longer than 60 meters in length with 8 meter breaks between each 60 meter windrow
 - no windrow can be closer than 25 meters to uncleared land or standing hazardous fuels
 - they must be separated from parallel windrows by at least 15 meters
- Burning of grass around slough areas is prohibited.
- It is not permissible to burn preservative treated wood, used construction materials (other than untreated clean wood), manure, Pathological waste, tires, used oil, rubber or plastic or anything coated with rubber or plastic except for rubber or plastic attached to shredded steel
- The permit holder agrees to indemnify and save harmless Lacombe County from all liability arising out of the operations approved by this Fire Permit
- The permit holder agrees to pay the following charges levied by Lacombe County for fire responses arising from the breach of any of the conditions of this permit:

○ fire pumper or water tanker	\$500.00/hr/unit
○ rapid response unit or equipment van	\$300.00/hr/unit
○ third party equipment/manpower	Lacombe County Cost
○ Fire Department response where suppression is not required	\$300.00 flat rate

Please Note: Lacombe County Enforcement will be conducting random checks to ensure adherence to the above conditions.