

Fire Permit Conditions

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EXTRACTS FROM THE FOREST AND PRAIRIES PROTECTION ACT.

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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 their 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) An order under subsection (1) must be communicated immediately to the public by a means that the Minister considers 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 the person or under the person's authority and every fire located on land occupied or owned by the person.

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 any fire hazard or burning hazard is conducive to a fire rapidly 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 the person's 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, or
(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 the person exercises reasonable care to prevent a fire from occurring.

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Section 3 The holder of a fire permit who lights a fire under authority of that permit shall:

- (a) keep the fire under control at all times,
(b) unless otherwise authorized by a forest officer or fire guardian, ensure a responsible person is in attendance at the site of the fire to supervise the fire until it has been extinguished,
(c) extinguish the fire when the earliest of the following occurs,
(i) the holder of the permit ordered to extinguish the fire under the Act;
(ii) the permit expires;
(iii) the permit is cancelled or suspended.

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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 authorized by a forest officer

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS

- Winds must be less than 15 km/hr
- If a passerby calls 911, Fire Services are required to attend the scene to ensure it is a non-emergency
- 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 site of 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 neighbours or impair visibility on a roadway
- There shall be a 15-metre guard cleared of flammable materials area around the debris pile
- Before windrows or piles can be burned:
 - Where the debris is a result of Land clearing, debris windrows can be no longer than 60 metres in length, with 8 metre breaks between each 60m windrow
 - No windrow can be closer than 25 metres to uncleared land or standing hazardous fuels
 - They must be separated from parallel windrows by at least 15 metres
- Burning of grass areas 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 including animal carcasses, tires, used oil, rubber or plastic except for rubber or plastic adhered to shredded steel
- The permit holder agrees to indemnify and save harmless Lacombe County from all liability arising out of the operations approved by the 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:

• Command Unit	\$210.00/hr/unit
• Fire engine/Pumper or Water Tanker	\$720.00/hr/unit
• Rapid Response Unit/Brush Unit	\$720.00/hr/unit
• Third Party equipment/manpower	As per Lacombe County cost

PLEASE NOTE: LACOMBE COUNTY ENFORCEMENT AND/OR LACOMBE COUNTY FIRE SERVICE WILL BE CONDUCTING RANDOM CHECKS TO ENSURE ADHERENCE AND COMPLIANCE TO THE ABOVE CONDITIONS