



MEDIA RELEASE

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Fire Ban and all restrictions lifted for Lacombe County

(Lacombe County, November 7, 2025) – **Thanks to the moisture from the recent snow, Lacombe County has removed the Fire Ban and all fire restrictions in Lacombe County.** While this change reflects improved conditions, residents are urged to exercise extreme caution and prioritize fire prevention at all times.

Lacombe County Fire Service reminds residents that although fire permits are not required between November 1 and February 28, there are still crucial safety expectations for any controlled burns conducted outside of the official fire season.

"Any burning must be done in a safe and controlled manner. We must practice responsible burning all year long, even if fire permits aren't required," said Dave Bain, Manager of Fire and Emergency Services. "Lacombe County reserves the right to invoice residents for fire department responses to fires that are not compliant with these regulations."

[Fire Protection and Safety Guidelines](#)

Under Lacombe County's Fire Protection Bylaw, fire permits are required from March 1 to October 31 each year. Although permits aren't mandatory from November 1 to February 28, safety remains essential for the well-being of residents and the environment. To ensure a safe burn, follow these guidelines:

- **Check the Weather:** Always monitor the forecast. Avoid burning on windy days, as gusts can quickly escalate a small fire into a wildfire.
- **Clear a Safe Zone:** Create a 10-foot safe area around your burn site, free from flammable materials like dry grass or leaves.
- **Have Equipment Ready:** Keep a hose, water source, and fire-control tools on hand, and never leave a fire unattended.
- **No Household Garbage:** Only burn clean, dry wood or vegetation. Never burn household garbage, plastics, or chemicals.
- **Keep it Small:** Maintain a manageable fire size to stay in control.
- **Responsible Supervision:** An adult should oversee the fire at all times, and everyone present should know how to dial 911 in an emergency.
- **Respect Neighbours:** Be mindful of smoke and embers, which can disturb nearby properties.

[Important Regulations:](#)

Even when permits aren't required, certain regulations apply:

- Smoke should not cross major roadways or disturb neighbouring properties.
- Wind speeds must be under 15 km/hour.
- If a passerby calls 911, Fire Services must attend the scene to verify it is a non-emergency.



Forest and Prairie Protection Act Requirements

Additionally, Section 22 of the Forest and Prairie Protection Act remains in effect year-round, stating that no person shall:

- Light an outdoor fire without first taking precautions to control it at all times.
- Light an outdoor fire when weather conditions could cause it to spread.
- Fail to take reasonable steps to prevent the fire from spreading beyond their property.
- Leave any burning materials in a place where they could ignite other matter.
- Conduct activities with fire in a forest protection area without exercising reasonable care.

In addition, the Forest and Prairie Protection Act states that:

- Burning must not create physical discomfort to neighbours and impair visibility on roadways.
- There shall be a minimum 15-meter guard cleared of flammable materials 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.

Permitted and Prohibited Materials

Only certain materials are permitted for open burning:

- **Permitted:** Brush, fallen trees, straw, grass, weeds, leaves, clean wood waste, cardboard, and paper products.
- **Not Permitted:** Preserved wood, automobile parts, tires, rubber, plastics, used oil, manure, pathological waste, asphalt shingles, and any materials prohibited by the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act.

"We want to emphasize that no garbage of any sort can be burned, regardless of the time of year," emphasized Bain. "We have easily accessible landfills for anyone who needs to dispose of their garbage properly, ensuring that our air, water and land don't become contaminated."

Anyone caught burning garbage will be fined \$250 for the first offence, \$500 for the second offence, and \$1000 for the third offence.

For the latest updates on fire advisories, restrictions, or bans:

- Visit www.albertafirebans.ca
- Or check www.lacombecounty.com for local updates.

REMEMBER: Fire bans can happen at any time of year – not just during Fire Permit season. Please visit our website (lacombecounty.com) or www.albertafirebans.ca for the current information.

For questions or to confirm that your burn complies with safety guidelines, please contact Lacombe County at 403-782-8959.

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