



MEDIA RELEASE

April 30, 2026

Fire Advisory in effect for Lacombe County

(Lacombe County, April 30, 2026) – A Fire Advisory will come into effect at **3:00 p.m. on Friday, May 1, 2026**, for all of Lacombe County due to warm temperatures, windy conditions, and little to no anticipated precipitation in the coming days.

At this time, Lacombe County will continue to issue fire permits for **minor burns (less than 500 cubic feet)**; however, permits for large-scale burn activities will not be approved until conditions improve. **All large-scale burn permits (greater than 500 cubic feet) are cancelled, and any large-scale fires currently in progress must be extinguished immediately.**

What is permitted during a Fire Advisory?

A Fire Advisory signals an increased fire danger rating, and fire permit approvals may be restricted. Safe campfires are still permitted in Lacombe County.

The following activities are allowed during the Fire Advisory:

- Minor burns, as per conditions of the fire permit.
- Recreation fires*
- Portable propane fire pits
- Gas or propane stoves and barbecues
- Catalytic or infrared-style heaters

**Recreation fires include those in campgrounds, private lands, and backyards. Fires must be contained within a metal, brick, or rock fire ring and comply with Lacombe County's Fire Bylaw.*

- *Minimum 3.3 metres (10 feet) clearance from buildings, property lines and combustible materials is maintained;*
- *Only wood, charcoal, or briquettes, manufactured fire logs, fireplace pellets, propane or natural gas is used;*
- *Placement on a rock, gravel, sand, or other non-combustible surface extending at least one metre around the fire;*
- *A responsible person must attend the fire at all times and ensure it is extinguished before leaving;*
- *Adequate water must be available on site to fully extinguish the fire.*

Safety Reminders:

- **Off-Highway Vehicles** can start wildfires. Frequently check to ensure hotspots are free of debris and make sure mufflers and spark arrestors are working properly.
- **Never leave a campfire unattended.** Soak it, stir it, and soak it again until cool to the touch to ensure it is extinguished.
- **Safely dispose of cigarette butts.** Disposing of cigarette butts, as they can easily light dried brush and grass.



- **Check previously completed burns to ensure they are fully extinguished**, as these can smoulder beneath the surface and reignite if conditions deteriorate.

This Fire Advisory may be upgraded to a Fire Restriction or Fire Ban at any time and will remain in place until conditions improve.

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

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

Register for the Voyent Alert! System and receive County-specific alerts

Voyent Alert! is an innovative alerting system that delivers critical information on emergencies, including severe weather, changes in fire risk level changes (advisories, restrictions, bans), road disruptions, water advisories, and other important community updates. **Residents, businesses and visitors can now sign up for timely, personalized notifications about fire bans, fire restrictions and fire advisories, as well as construction notifications, critical events**, ensuring they stay aware and prepared for emergencies.

Learn more about this new communications tool at www.lacombecounty.com/alert.

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