



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Fire Restriction in effect for Lacombe County

(Lacombe County, May 5, 2026) — A Fire Restriction will come into effect at **NOON (12:00 p.m.) on Wednesday, May 6, 2026**, for all of Lacombe County due to exceptionally dry, windy conditions and a lack of foreseeable precipitation.

At this time, **fire permits are restricted/suspended, and NO new permits will be issued as of 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 6.** All existing fires to which the restriction applies **must** be extinguished immediately.

**PLEASE NOTE: This Fire Restriction may be upgraded to a Fire Ban at any time and will remain in effect until conditions improve.**

#### What IS PERMITTED during a Fire Restriction?

- Recreation fires\*
- Portable propane fire pits
- Gas or propane stoves and barbecues
- Catalytic or infrared-style heaters

#### What IS NOT PERMITTED during a Fire Restriction?

- **Fire permits are restricted/suspended, and new permits are not issued**
- Fires on public lands, including random camping and backcountry areas
- Burning of brush piles, debris, or windrows
- Fireworks

Learn more about allowable activities for each fire threat level by visiting our website [www.lacombecounty.com/fire-levels](http://www.lacombecounty.com/fire-levels).

#### 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.

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

- Visit [www.albertafirebans.ca](http://www.albertafirebans.ca)
- Check [www.lacombecounty.com](http://www.lacombecounty.com) for local updates
- Register for the Voyent Alert! System and receive County-specific alerts (learn more at [www.lacombecounty.com/alert](http://www.lacombecounty.com/alert))



## **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 the Voyent Alert! alert tool in Lacombe County at [www.lacombecounty.com/alert](http://www.lacombecounty.com/alert).

*\*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.*

### **For additional information, please contact:**

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