

Public Reminders for Forest Fire Season



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[2021 Forest Fire Season Questions & Answers](#)

[2021 Permit To Burn – Conditions](#)

Check the provincial [Fire Hazard Map](#) to determine the local fire hazard rating when planning or lighting an outdoor fire.

- A Permit to Burn is required to burn grass, brush and other materials during Forest Fire Season.
- Permit holders are required to conduct all burning activity in accordance with strict conditions.
- A Permit to Burn can be obtained by contacting a local [Forestry and Wildlife District Office](#) during regular business hours. Offices remain closed to in-person counter service until further notice.
- When the [Fire Hazard](#) rating is **HIGH, VERY HIGH, or EXTREME** for a region, all Permits to Burn for that region are suspended.
- When the [Fire Hazard](#) rating is **VERY HIGH, or EXTREME** for a region, open or outdoor fires are **NOT PERMITTED**.
- A person may light an open or outdoor fire within 300 meters of forested land without a Permit to Burn during Forest Fire Season under the following conditions:
 - The fire is located in a prepared site within a managed park that has facilities to contain open fires, fire suppression equipment available, and permission from the park supervisor or attendant.
 - The fire is on sand, gravel, rock or mineral soil where the fire is not greater than 0.5m (0.25m²) in width and height, located one meter from flammable material, and three meters away from overhanging branches, with eight litres of water or a shovel available at all times.
 - The fire is in an outdoor wood burning unit that:
 - Is made completely of non-combustible material;
 - Completely contains the fire and is screened to prevent the escape of sparks and burning debris; and
 - Is resting on legs and placed on non-combustible material of not less than 1.5 square meters, and is located not less than 3.5 meters from flammable material.
 - The fire is contained in an incinerator unit that:
 - Completely contains the fire and is screened to prevent the escape of sparks and other burning material;
 - Is located on private property and is not less than 15 meters away the nearest woods, brush or other flammable material; and
 - Is in good working order, with an attendant on site when the Fire Weather Index is **HIGH, VERY HIGH, or EXTREME**.

- All ashes must be extinguished before discarding on mineral soil not less than 15 meters from the nearest wood, brush or other flammable material.
- All open fires **must be attended** at all times, whether the fire is contained in a prepared camp site or prepared in a charcoal, gas, kerosene, alcohol, or propane-operated unit or outdoor wood-burning unit.
- Always have sufficient water and other tools on site to extinguish a fire. Never leave the fire location until the fire has been completely extinguished.
- Use of gas, kerosene, alcohol, propane or charcoal-burning units is permitted regardless of the Fire Weather Hazard rating, as long as the units are not used within 3.5 metres of any woods, brush or other flammable material.
- All coals used during barbecuing, or as part of any other burning unit, must be totally extinguished before being discarded. When discarding coals, do so in a manner that will not start a fire.
- In accordance with provincial [Forest Fire Regulations](#) anyone travelling through forest land on an all-terrain or motorized vehicle during the Forest Fire Season is required to have the vehicle fitted with a muffler and a screening or baffling device to prevent sparks or particles of burnt carbon from escaping. Operators are required to be equipped with a fire extinguisher containing a minimum of 225 grams of ABC-class fire retardant.