

BURNING BARRELS

- ✓ Burn with extreme care or haul debris to a transfer/landfill site.
- ✓ The burning barrel should be in good condition.
- ✓ Ground clean and maintained for 3 meters.
- ✓ Help combustion. Steel rods or pipes will hold burning material up and give a better burn. Draft holes not larger than 5 mm in diameter.
- ✓ Mesh size of screen not larger than 7 mm.
- ✓ Weights to hold screen on barrel.
- ✓ Keep fire fighting tools on hand and never leave your fire unattended.

RECREATIONAL FIRE

- ✓ A recreational fire means a fire confined within a non-combustible structure or container, which is lit for the purpose of cooking, obtaining warmth or viewing for pleasure and is fueled solely by dry wood, charcoal, natural gas, or propane.

ASH DISPOSAL

- ✓ Place in metal container.
- ✓ Soak with water.
- ✓ Let sit for 2-3 days before disposal.
- ✓ Dispose of ashes in a pit.

BURNING BRUSH PILES

- ✓ No more than 5 piles to be burning or smoldering at any given time.
- ✓ Ensure debris or windrows resulting from land clearing are no more than 60 meters long. Leave an 8 meter break between each 60 meter length.
- ✓ Ensure windrows are at least 25 meters away from unclear land or standing hazardous fuels. Keep fire fighting tools on hand and never leave your fire unattended.



BURNING PERMIT INFORMATION & SAFETY TIPS

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FIRE PERMITS

Fire permits are required during the "fire season" which starts March 1st and ends each October 31st. There are, however, provisions for the "fire season" to be reduced or extended in duration if the risk or danger of fires exists. Any changes to the normal fire season will be announced in the Millet Pipestone Flyer, on the County website and on 1440 KJR radio station.

Other than a recreational fire or burning barrel fire (as defined by Fire By-law 2016/44), any person lighting an open fire for burning debris or any other purpose must have a valid fire permit. Fire permits are free. Usually issued for a specific period of time, they may be canceled before the expiry date if the fire danger makes such action necessary. Permits may be obtained from an appointed fire guardian.

Permits are required for the Forest Protection Area in the West End of the County. You must obtain a necessary permit from Alberta Agriculture & Forestry at 1-403-845-8272.

FIRE BANS

Fire bans are advertised on the County website, w1440 radio station and the Millet Pipestone Flyer. If in doubt, call the County office at 780-352-3321 or 1-800-661-4125.

WHAT CAN I BURN?

"Burnable Debris" means all inflammable waste other than prohibited debris and includes but is not limited to:

- ✓ grass and weeds
- ✓ leaves and tree pruning
- ✓ brush and fallen trees on newly cleared land
- ✓ telephone poles and wooden materials from the construction or demolition of buildings that do not contain wood preservatives
- ✓ solid waste from tree harvesting operations
- ✓ solid waste from post and pole operations that does not contain wood preservatives

"Prohibited Debris" means any inflammable waste that when burned may result in the release to the atmosphere of dense black smoke office odors or toxic substances. This includes but is not limited to:

- ✓ wood products containing preservatives
- ✓ animal manure
- ✓ pathological waste
- ✓ non-wooden material
- ✓ combustible material
- ✓ tires/rubber/plastic
- ✓ used oil
- ✓ waste material from buildings/construction sites

If burning straw or stubble, the Director of Agricultural Services must be contacted at 780-361-6226. Under the Soil Conservation Act, he may issue a permit to burn these items.

FIRE CONTROL

Before lighting any fire, a permit holder must take precautions to ensure that the fire is kept under control at all times. The landowner or permit holder is responsible for the costs and expenses of fighting a fire should it become out of control.

Fires must not be lit when weather conditions such as temperature, relative humidity and wind speed are conducive to fires escaping or getting out of control. Fires are not to be burned or lit if winds are greater than 15 km/h.

If burning by a primary or secondary highway with a possibility of smoke crossing the road, it is the responsibility of the permit holder to ensure smoke warning signs are posted on the road. Signs can be obtained by calling Alberta Highway Services at 780-352-2078 (Westrose East) or 780-848-2357 (Westrose West).

If burning by a County road with a possibility of smoke crossing the road, it is the responsibility of the permit holder to ensure smoke warning signs are posted on the road. Signs can be made by permit holder.

**IF YOUR FIRE BECOMES
OUT OF CONTROL,
<CALL 911>**