

Fire restriction

Factsheet

ISSUED: May 15, 2025

WHERE IS THE FIRE RESTRICTION?

- The fire restriction is in parts of the Fort McMurray, High Level and Peace River Forest Areas. Cities, towns, villages and summer villages as well as national parks are exempt from this restriction. These jurisdictions have the authority to issue their own restrictions and may have complementary restrictions in place. Please refer to AlbertaFireBans.ca for exact locations.

WHAT IS PROHIBITED?

- Outdoor wood fires on public land, including backcountry and random camping
- Fireworks and exploding targets

WHAT IS ALLOWED?

- Safe wood campfires on private land and provincial campgrounds, contained within an engineered campfire ring
- Backyard fire pits
- Charcoal briquette barbeques
- Gas and liquid powered appliances (stoves, lanterns, fire rings)
- Open flame oil devices (deep fryers, tiki torches)
- Indoor wood fires (inside a facility, building, tent or RV) and contained within a device with a chimney and spark arrestor
- Cooking, warming and lighting devices (all devices must be CSA approved and used per manufacturer's standards)

ARE FIRE PERMITS ALLOWED?

- All fire permits are suspended. Essential burning may be allowed, an assessment for any permit will be made by a forest officer.

HOW LONG WITH THE RESTRICTION BE IN PLACE?

- Alberta Forestry and Parks will be monitoring conditions daily and will amend the fire restriction when appropriate.

WHY IS THE FIRE RESTRICTION IN PLACE?

- The fire restriction has been put into place in response to recent hot and dry conditions and no expected precipitation in the forecast.

UNDER WHAT AUTHORITY WAS THE FIRE RESTRICTION PUT IN PLACE?

- The fire restriction was enacted under section 21 of the *Forest and Prairie Protection Act*.

WHAT PENALTIES ARE IN PLACE?

- If you're found to be burning during a fire restriction, you may be issued a \$600 ticket. Individuals found responsible for starting a wildfire may be charged with the cost of fighting the fire.

WHERE CAN I GET THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION?

- Online: albertafirebans.ca
- Facebook: Alberta Wildfire
- Phone: 1-866-FYI-FIRE