

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY



<b>Title:</b> Fire Permit Agreement	<b>Policy No.:</b> 05-02
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<b>Legislation Reference:</b>	Municipal Government Act and Prairie and Forest Fire Protection Act
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<b>Purpose:</b>	To facilitate fire control.
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**Policy Statement and Guidelines:**

The permit holder has full **responsibility and liability** with regards to controlling the fire and any loss or damage resulting from the lighting of the fire. This means that the permit holder must ensure proper fireguards are in place, support equipment is on hand and that all necessary precautions are taken. Extinguishing the fire within the time period allotted is also the responsibility of the fire permit holder.

**Recovery of Firefighting Costs:** A minimum fee of **\$200.00** or any costs incurred by the County Fire departments will be charged to the landowner, if the Fire Department or County is called upon to respond or extinguish a fire. Additional charges may be pending under the *Forest and Prairie Protection Act* or if the landowner or occupant does not have a Fire Permit.

This Permit authorizes: \_\_\_\_\_

of Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

to kindle fires on the following lands: \_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_ Twp. \_\_\_ Rge. \_\_\_ W4.

For the purpose of burning: \_\_\_\_\_.

Special Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_.

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Burning shall be done in compliance with the *Forest and Prairie Protection Act* and regulations made there under:

1. Burn in accordance with the terms on the reverse side of the permit.
2. No burning when winds are over 15 km ph (10 mph).
3. The fire must be completely extinguished in two weeks.
4. In the case, that smoke would cause a hazard to visibility while burning. “Smoke Signs” must be posted. Therefore, before lighting the fire, permit holder must contact Carillion at 656-3638, if burning near a Highway and contact the County Office at 656-3730 or the Public Works Shop at 656-3755, if burning near a maintained County Road.
5. Permit holder must contact your local fire department prior to lighting the fire.

**Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority: 1-780-826-7446**

Effective: \_\_\_\_\_ Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand all the conditions and accept full responsibility.

Permit Holder: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Countersigned by: \_\_\_\_\_

Fire Guardian

Print Name

***NOTE: THIS PERMIT IS NOT VALID UNLESS COUNTERSIGNED AND MAY BE CANCELLED AT ANY TIME.***

**CONDITIONS:**

Any person lighting a fire must have a valid Fire Permit issued by Smoky Lake County. **Fire Permits are required year round** and can only be obtained and approved by a Fire Guardian. *Exceptions:*

1. Attended outdoors or contained campfire, which has been lit for cooking or warming purpose.

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2. Incinerator fire – fire contained within a non-combustible structure, container or barrel with openings covered by heavy gauge metal screen having a mesh size not larger than 13 millimeters (1/2) and which are for the purpose of burning refuse, protecting livestock from insect or for protecting garden plants from frost.

ALL APPROVED FIRES BY PERMIT OR EXCEPTION, ARE SUBJECT TO  
**PROVINCIAL OR LOCAL FIRE BANS,**  
 DECLARED UPON THREAT OF A FIRE HAZARD  
 TO THE CITIZENS WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES  
 OF SMOKY LAKE COUNTY.

**EXTRACTS FROM THE  
 FOREST AND PRAIRIE PROTECTION ACT OF ALBERTA RSA 2000**

- Section 19**           (3) A Fire Permit is valid only for the period for which it is issued.
- (4) A Forest Officer or Fire Guardian issuing a Fire Permit may endorse on the permit any special fire control conditions with which the applicant must comply in addition to the provisions of this Act and the regulations.
- Section 20**           A Fire Permit may be suspended or cancelled at any time by a Forest Officer or Fire Guardian and on receiving notice of the suspension or cancellation, the person concerned shall immediately extinguish any fire set pursuant to the person's permit.
- Section 21**           (1) For the purpose of fire control the Minister may, by order: a. suspend or cancel within any part or all of Alberta all fire permits, or b. prohibit the lighting or require the extinguishing of a fire set other than under the authority of a Fire Permit.

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#### Section 21

- (2) The order made pursuant to subsection (1) shall be immediately published at least the twice a day for not less than 2 consecutive days by the radio and television stations that are considered by the Minister most likely to bring the matter to the attention of the public.
- (3) In an area affected by an order made pursuant to subsection (1), every person shall immediately proceed to extinguish every open outdoor fire lit by person or under the person's authority and every fire located on land occupied or owned by person.

#### Section 22

No person shall:

- (a) Light an outdoor fire without first taking sufficient precautions to ensure that the fire can be kept under control at all times.
- (b) Light an outdoor fire when any fire hazard or burning hazard is conducive to a fire readily escaping out of control.
- (c) Fail to take reasonable steps to control a fire for the purpose of preventing it from spreading onto land other than person's own.
- (d) Deposit, discard or leave any burning matter or substance in a place where it might ignite other matter and result in a fire, or,
- (e) Conduct in a forest protection area any activity that involves the use of fire or that might reasonably be expected to cause a fire, unless the person exercises reasonable care to prevent a fire from occurring.

Every person who sets a fire under authority of a permit shall:

- a. Keep the permit at the site of the fire.
- b. Produce and show the permit to an officer on request.

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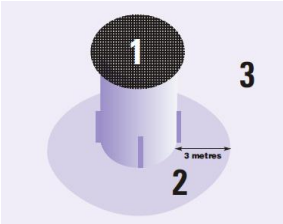
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- c. Keep the fire under control.
- d. Extinguish the fire before expiration of the permit or upon cancellation of the permit.
- e. Have a responsible person in attendance at the fire at all times, except as may be otherwise authorized by a Forest Officer.

**Safe Burn Barrels Practices**

**Preparation and maintenance of burn barrels and incinerators:**

1. Always cover your burn barrel/incinerator with 6 mm (1/4") or Smaller metal mesh screen.
2. Clear away any debris for at least 3 meters (10 feet) around your burn barrel/incinerator and work up the area to expose the soil.
3. Position your burn barrel/incinerator at least 30 meters (100 feet) away from any structures or standing timber.



The diagram shows a purple cylindrical burn barrel. A black circle labeled '1' is positioned directly above the barrel. A horizontal line labeled '2' extends from the base of the barrel, indicating a 3-meter radius clearance zone. A vertical line labeled '3' indicates the distance from the barrel to a structure or standing timber, representing the 30-meter safety distance.

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