



## SMOKY LAKE COUNTY

<b>Title: Fire Ban</b>	<b>Policy No.: 21-02</b>
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<b>Legislation Reference:</b>	Alberta Provincial Statutes
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<b>Purpose:</b>	To expedite the process for implementing and/or removing Fire Bans within the boundaries of Smoky Lake County.
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<b>Policy Statement and Guidelines:</b>	
<b>1. STATEMENT:</b>	
1.1	At various time during the year, weather conditions dictate a municipal fire ban which requires specific restrictions in regards to open burning.
<b>2. GUIDELINES:</b>	
2.1	The <i>Forest and Prairie Protection Act</i> , RSA 2000, Chapter F19, Section 7(1) Provides the municipality the authority to implement or remove a Fire Ban.
2.1.1	“The Council of a municipal district is responsible for fighting and controlling all fires within the boundaries of the municipal district and the costs and expenses shall be paid by the municipal district”.
2.2	Factors to be considered for implementing a Fire Ban include:
2.2.1	Information obtained from the Alberta Government.
2.2.2	Sustainable Resources Development updates.
2.2.3	Fire Weather Index.
2.2.4	General conditions throughout the County.
2.3	The Chief Administrative Officer, County Fire Chief and the Reeve jointly may implement and/or remove a partial or total Fire Ban by written order as conditions dictate, as per <b><i>Schedule “A”: Fire Ban – Immediate Release.</i></b>
<b>3. PROCEDURES:</b>	
3.1	<b>Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority</b> will be advised with <b>Schedule “A”: Fire Ban –Immediate Release</b> being completed and submitted.

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<b>Policy Statement and Guidelines:</b>	
3.2	An order to issue a Fire Ban made under this Policy will be communicated by the following methods:
3.2.1	Council will be notified.
3.2.2	Fire Departments will be notified.
3.2.3	Posted on the County Website, and on any social media used by the County (e.g., Twitter and Facebook).
3.2.4	Posted on AB Fire Ban.com – Website.
3.2.5	Signage: “FIRE BAN IN EFFECT” signs posted at County boundaries along the highways and at the lake and campground entrances within Smoky Lake County.
3.2.6	Fire Permit Holders notified.
3.2.7	Radio Station 790 CFCW notified: 1-780-437-9231.
3.2.8	R.C.M.P. – Local Detachment notified.
3.2.9	Provincial Parks: c/o Glen Harvey at 1-780-210-0311.
3.2.10	Poster Released: as per <i>Schedule “B”: Poster - No Fires.</i>
3.2.11	Any other means deemed necessary by the Chief Administrative Officer.

	<b>Date</b>	<b>Resolution Number</b>
<b>Approved</b>	<b>September 22, 2011</b>	<b># 800-11 - Page # 9816</b>
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<h1 style="margin: 0;">SMOKY LAKE COUNTY</h1> <h2 style="margin: 10px 0 0 0;">FIRE BAN - IMMEDIATE RELEASE</h2>	<p>SCHEDULE "A"</p> 
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Contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Position

Phone: 780-656-3730 Fax: 780-656-3768 E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Due to extreme fire hazard conditions the Smoky Lake County hereby orders:

- Fire Ban In Effect. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
Time Date
  
- Fire Ban Removed. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
Time Date

No new fire permits will be issued during the period of the ban  
and  
all previously issued permits are hereby cancelled.

**Gas or Propane stoves that are approved for cooking will be allowed.**

A person who sets a fire during this ban may be prosecuted and will be responsible for the costs of extinguishing a fire pursuant to the Smoky Lake County Bylaw No. 1233-11: Fire Protection Services.

For further information, please contact Smoky Lake County at 780-656-3730.

**THIS FIRE BAN WILL STAY IN EFFECT  
UNTIL FIRE HAZARD CONDITIONS IMPROVE SIGNIFICANTLY.**

**SIGNATURES:**

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER : \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY FIRE CHIEF: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

# **NO FIRES**

**You could be fined up to \$1,000.00  
and liable for all firefighting costs**

**ALLOWED:  
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are approved for cooking**

**[www.albertafirebans.ca](http://www.albertafirebans.ca)  
for current fire ban information**



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