



# Clearwater Regional Fire Rescue Services

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## **For burning in Clearwater County, please follow these guidelines:**

Contact the **Burn Notification Line at 403-845-7711** and provide the following information:

- Name of person lighting and supervising the burn pile.
- Contact number, cell phone of person supervising the burn pile.
- Location of burn, please provide the legal land description (if burning in the Forest Protection Area you will require a burn permit from Alberta Sustainable Resources Development, please contact your nearest office).
- When you plan to burn (expected ignition and completion times).

When the burn is fully completed please call the Burn Notification Line to advise that the burn is completed.

The personnel at the notification line will inform the three fire dispatch centres of the above information.

## **Before starting the pile, ensure the following is completed:**

- Ensure the burn pile is on mineral soil (not on soil containing organic material or peat moss)
- Ensure that all prohibited debris are removed from the pile (if not you could face a fine of minimum \$25,000 from Alberta Environment)
- Ensure adequate space and clearances from other combustible materials is maintained (minimum is 6m / 20 ft)
- Notify nearby residents prior to burning, consideration must be given to neighbours. Burning should not be conducted when wind blows smoke towards residential or other structures within 1,000 meters of the burn site.
- Post "smoke ahead" signs if burning within ½ kilometer of a primary or secondary highway or paved county road or multi-lot subdivisions.
- Sufficient tools, equipment or quantities of water must be readily available for the size of burn being conducted
- Do not burn in windy or gusty conditions as fire brands and sparks can be carried great distances and ignite spot fires. If conditions change immediately extinguish the fire. Wind speed should not exceed 12 km/h. Inquire at 403-845-3183 for wind speeds.
- Do not place a burn pile over, under or near power lines, gas lines or other utilities.

- A minimum of one responsible adult capable of extinguishing a fire must be in attendance at all times
- Ensure that a 24 hour fire watch is maintained at the site until the fire is out. Extinguish the ash pile at completion of the burn by soaking, stirring and soaking the pile as many times as is necessary to extinguish the ash pile. Heat will remain in an ash pile for days or even weeks if not properly extinguished.
- Owner/Contractor is solely responsible for the safe control of burning.
- Owner/Contractor will indemnify and save harmless the municipality for ALL liability arising from controlled burns. The Owner/Contractor is advised to have appropriate liability insurance for controlled burn activities.

In the event of a **FIRE BAN** being announced by the Province of Alberta or Clearwater County all fires shall be **extinguished immediately**. If a fire is allowed to continue burning under a fire ban, the Owner/Contractor will be responsible for any and all costs associated with the cessation of burn operations, by the local fire department or Alberta Sustainable Resource Development.

The municipality reserves the right to immediately stop any and all burning operations at their sole discretion for any reason relating to Community Health and Safety. The Owner/Contractor will be responsible for any and all costs associated with the cessation of burn operations.

If you require any further clarification call the Clearwater Regional Fire Rescue Services office Monday to Friday between 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM at 403-845-4444.