



Forest Protection Area of Alberta

Alberta's Forest Protection Area (FPA) covers approximately 60 per cent of the province's landmass. In Alberta, wildfire protection is shared between Alberta Wildfire (inside the FPA) and the municipalities and counties (outside the FPA).

Forest and Prairie Protection Act

If you are found to be responsible for starting a wildfire, or using fireworks without permission, you can be charged under the *Forest and Prairie Protection Act* (FPPA), fined and held liable for all costs associated with fighting the wildfire. All Alberta legislation, including the FPPA, can be found at the King's Printer.

For more information:
alberta.ca/alberta-kings-printer.aspx

Requesting written permission

You must have written permission from a Forest Officer to use fireworks in the FPA. Wildfire.alberta.ca has a complete list of requirements.

A fire advisory, restriction, ban or forest closure may prohibit or limit use of fireworks during times of high wildfire danger. Check albertafirebans.ca or Alberta Fire Bans mobile phone app for the latest information.

Local municipal fire department approval may be required in addition to Forest Officer permission in some municipalities. The Forest Officer may also make municipal approval a condition of permission.

Area	Phone number
Calgary Forest Area	403-297-8800
Edson Forest Area	780-723-8269
Fort McMurray Forest Area	780-743-7125
Grande Prairie Forest Area	780-538-5560
High Level Forest Area	780-926-5407
Lac La Biche Forest Area	780-623-5388
Peace River Forest Area	780-624-6190
Rocky Mountain House	403-845-8250
Slave Lake Forest Area	780-849-7377
Whitecourt Forest Area	780-778-7166

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Fireworks



Alberta Wildfire



Written permission is required year-round to use fireworks in the Forest Protection Area (FPA) on public and private lands. Anyone can apply for written permission from a Forest Officer at their local forest area office.



Laws governing fireworks

Federal legislation

If you plan to shoot, discharge, detonate or ignite fireworks, you should become familiar with the details of the *Explosives Act* and Explosives Regulations administered by Natural Resources Canada (NRCan).

Provincial legislation

The *Forest and Prairie Protection Act* and associated regulations applies to the discharge and ignition of fireworks on public lands and private lands located within the FPA.

Written permission for low-hazard consumer fireworks may be applied for and granted by a Forest Officer. Fireworks approval will be determined based on current and expected wildfire danger and handled on a case-by-case basis.

There may be additional municipal or site-specific requirements before a Forest Officer will issue approval for high-hazard fireworks. Contact your local forest area office for additional information.

Municipal legislation

Anyone wishing to shoot, discharge, detonate or ignite fireworks within a municipal district should be aware of applicable municipal bylaws and contact the local municipal fire department for further clarification on using fireworks within their boundaries.



Types of fireworks

Type F.1 low-hazard fireworks

Consumer fireworks are low-hazard and designed for consumer use by the public. These can be known as fountains, volcanoes, pinwheels, cakes, mines, and snakes (Canadian class 7.2.1 / Type F.1).

Type F.2, F.3 and F.4 (accessory) high-hazard fireworks

Display fireworks are high-hazard and designed for consumer use at public gatherings. These fireworks include aerial shells, mines, cakes, waterfalls, lances, larger Roman Candles and wheels (Canadian class 7.22 / Type F.2 and accessories Type F.4).

Special effect pyrotechnics are high-hazard pyrotechnics designed for use by commercial professionals holding a fireworks operator certificate. These can include gerbs, mines, comets, crossettes and special-purpose pyrotechnics made for live stage performances and the film and television industry (Type F.3 and accessories Type F.4).



Enforcement

The *Forest and Prairie Protection Act* and associated regulations legislates the use of fireworks within the FPA of Alberta. Written permission to discharge or detonate is required under the Act.

Alberta Peace Officers may issue warning or violation tickets under the Act. Violators can be ticketed \$600. Individuals who knowingly contravene the Act and start a wildfire can be further prosecuted in the courts.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police may also pursue additional charges under legislation that includes mischief or arson under the *Criminal Code of Canada*.

More information:

Wildfire.alberta.ca
1-866-FYI-FIRE
wildfireinfo@gov.ab.ca
To report a wildfire call 310-FIRE

