



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 high wildfire hazard situations within the FPA. Check the albertafirebans.ca or 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
Grand Prairie Forest Area	780-538-5560
High Level Forest Area	780-926-5400
Lac La Biche Forest Area	780-623-5388
Peace River Forest Area	780-634-6190
Rocky Mountain House Forest Area	780-845-8250
Slave Lake Forest Area	780-849-7377
Whitecourt Forest Area	780-778-7166

Fireworks



Forest Protection Area of Alberta

Alberta's Forest Protection Area (FPA) covers approximately 60 per cent of the province's landmass. The province is responsible for managing wildfires in this area. Wildfire protection in Alberta is shared between Alberta Wildfire (inside the FPA) and the municipalities and counties outside the FPA.

For more information:
wildfire.alberta.ca

Forest and Prairie Protection Act

If you're responsible for starting a wildfire, 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 Queen's Printer.

For more information:
qp.alberta.ca

Since 2017, the use of fireworks within the Forest Protection Area (FPA) has been prohibited without written permission from a Forest Officer.

Written permission is required year-round. Those seeking written permission to shoot, discharge, detonate or ignite fireworks within the FPA, may apply for written permission from a Forest Officer at your 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.

Written permission for high hazard fireworks may have additional municipal or site specific requirements before a Forest Officer may issue approval. 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 familiarize themselves with the applicable municipal bylaws and contact the local municipal fire department for further clarification on fireworks use within their boundaries.



Types of fireworks

Type F.1 low-hazard fireworks

Consumer fireworks are low-danger articles designed for consumer use by the public. These articles include such names 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 articles designed for consumer use at public gatherings. These articles 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 pyrotechnic articles designed for use by commercial professionals holding a fireworks operator certificate. These articles include such names as gerbs, mines, comets, cassettes 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 restricts the use of fireworks within the Forest Protection Area 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

