

2020 Fire ban system

Approved activities list

A guide to levels of fire activity restrictions in Alberta

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| Activity | Normal Fire Precautions | Fire Advisory | Fire Restriction | Fire Ban | Forest Closure |
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| Fire Permits | As issued by a forest officer or fire guardian | May be restricted or suspended | Restricted, suspended or cancelled | Suspended or cancelled | Suspended or cancelled |
| Safe wood campfires ¹ on public lands | Yes | Yes | No | No | No |
| Safe wood campfires ¹ on private land and provincial campgrounds | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No |
| Backyard firepits | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No |
| Barbeque - Charcoal briquette | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No |
| Propane / natural gas powered appliances | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No |
| Indoor wood fire ² | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No |
| Open flame oil devices ³ | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No |
| Fireworks | Prohibited without written permission of a Forest Officer | Prohibited without written permission of a Forest Officer | Prohibited without written permission of a Forest Officer | No | No |
| Exploding targets | Prohibited without written permission of a Forest Officer | Prohibited without written permission of a Forest Officer | No | No | No |

1) Safe wood campfires - should be within a metal, brick, or rock fire ring. They are required to:

- a) be on rock, gravel, sand, or another non combustible surface that extends at least one metre around the fire
- b) have a responsible person in attendance to keep fire under control at all times and extinguish before leaving
- c) have on hand enough water on site to extinguish the fire. Safe wood campfires on private lands include private land campgrounds and private land recreation areas. Municipalities, Parks and protected areas may have additional fire safety requirements.

Please note - Municipalities, campgrounds, and parks (federal and provincial), may have additional fire safety requirements.

2 - An indoor wood fire is a fire inside a structure (such as facility, building, tent, or RV) and contained within a device with a chimney and spark arrestor.

3 - Open flame oil devices: all devices (such as turkey deep fryers and tiki torches) must be used as per manufacturer standards.

Users are still responsible for care and attendance of all devices and should reduce their use during fire restrictions and bans. Approved activities or devices will not prevent potential prosecution or litigation if the user or device starts a wildfire.