



FIRE SEASON IN LAC LA BICHE COUNTY

WHAT IS FIRE SEASON?

Fire season is the period of time when wildfires are more likely to start. It lasts from March 1 until October 31. During this time, permits are required for all burning activities, except for campfires. In addition, fire bans and other restrictions can be implemented to protect the community and the environment.

BURN PERMITS

As noted above, burn permits are required for all burning activities during fire season, except for campfires. Permits are free, but site inspections are necessary as part of the permitting process. Permits may be conditional, in order to ensure safety.

Residents will need to apply to either Lac La Biche County or Alberta Agriculture and Forestry for permits, depending on which area of the municipality they live in. Click [here](#) to see a map of the permitting zones.

To apply for a burn permit from the County, call (780) 623-6767. To contact Alberta Agriculture and Forestry for a permit, call (780) 623-5388.

FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Fire restrictions come into play when conditions change and wildfires become more likely. When a fire ban is announced in Lac La Biche County, all burn permits that have been issued are immediately suspended and no new permits will be approved until conditions improve. If threat levels increase, all burning activities might be prohibited, including campfires.

Typically, the County and Alberta Agriculture and Forestry will have similar restrictions in place in the areas they monitor. For information on municipal restrictions, go to www.laclabichecounty.com or call (780) 623-6767. For information on provincial restrictions, go to www.albertafirebans.ca.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

1. Obey all fire restrictions and abide by the conditions listed on burn permits.
2. Inspect old burn sites to make sure that previous fires are completely extinguished.
3. Never leave a campfire burning unattended, and make sure it is fully extinguished before you leave the site.
4. Limit the use of quads during dry weather.
5. Protect your property using FireSmart practices, like pruning trees and keeping grass cut short. To find out more about FireSmart, pick up a free manual at the County Centre or McArthur Place.