



Burning and Fire Permits

Whether you are looking to complete a brush pile, or have a relaxing evening by a back yard fire pit there are some rules and regulations you need to pay attention before you start.

Do I need a permit?

A Burning Permit is **Not Required** for the following:

Within the Drayton Valley Town Boundaries

An approved fire pit or barbecue.

A non-combustible container provided by the Town of Drayton Valley within a designated public park where open burning for cooking and warming is permitted.

A ceremonial Brazier

Within the Brazeau County Boundaries

An approved fire pit or barbeque

A fire within a non-combustible container provided by the County within a designated public park where burning for cooking and warming is permitted.

A Portable appliance.

A smudge fire in a non-combustible container covered with a heavy gauge metal screen having a mesh not larger than thirteen (13) millimeters.

An incinerator fire (burn barrel) in a non-combustible container covered with a heavy gauge metal screen having a mesh size not larger than thirteen (13) millimeters.

Any industrial or commercial type incinerator that is required to be licensed under the Alberta Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act regulations.

Those fires that are set for the purpose of training fire fighters.

Burning the Proper Fuels

The only things that can be burned in an outdoor fire pit are:

Clean (non-treated), dry wood

Charcoal

No person shall place prohibited debris* into a fire

*"Prohibited debris" means any combustible waste that, when burning, may result in the release to the atmosphere of dense smoke, offensive odours or toxic substances and includes but not limited to

- Animal manure;
- Pathological waste;
- Non-wooden material;
- Waste material from building or construction sites, excluding wooden materials that do not contain wood preservatives;
- Combustible material in automobile bodies;
- Tires;
- Rubber or plastic, or anything containing or coated with rubber or plastic or similar substances;
- Used oil;
- Wood or wood products containing substances for the purpose of preserving wood;

Limiting Noise and Smoke

While you may enjoy the smell of wood smoke, not everyone does. Some medical conditions are aggravated by smoke. Make sure that your fire is small and burning clean, dry fuels to limit the amount of smoke drifting on to your neighbours' property.

Safety Burning Practices

A fire must not be lit when weather conditions are conducive for fire escaping or getting out of control. Owners must have a means of extinguishing the fire and all fire must be supervised at all times by a responsible adult. No one may deposit, discard or leave any burning material in a place where it may ignite and result in a fire.

Checking for fire Bans

Before starting a fire, check to make sure there are no fire bans or restrictions in your area. You can visit your local Town/ County or Fire Services website, or visit the Alberta Fire Ban website (<http://www.albertafirebans.ca>)

All other burn requests not covered will require a "Fire Permit". Brazeau County requires year round fire permitting within its boundaries that are not regulated under the Alberta Forest Protection Area. You can apply for an online burning permit by visiting the Brazeau County website www.brazeau.ab.ca or the Fire Services website www.dvffa.com . In addition you can contact the Fire Services directly by applying in person or contacting the office by phone (780)-514-2216, during regular business hours.

Reporting Your Concerns

If you have concerns about a fire pit, or any outside fire:

Discuss the concerns directly with your neighbour

Record the address of the violation and a description of the problem if you can't resolve it directly with your neighbour

Contact the office or the Duty Officer if after regular business hours at (780)-514-2216

Provide your name, address, phone number and the details of your concern in case your testimony is required in court