

## BEFORE YOU BURN

Contact the municipal office at 780.835.4903 to provide the following information:

Landowner Name and 24 hour contact number

Legal Land Description of Burn Site

Planned Dates of Burning

Type of Debris to be Burned

The municipal office will notify the appropriate authorities.

**FIRE PERMITS** are not required for controlled burns within the M.D. of Fairview No. 136 boundary. The landowner is solely responsible to ensure the burn is always under control. Fire suppression costs associated with fighting an out of control fire are the sole responsibility of the landowner.

### **BE PREPARED AND PLAN AHEAD**



## ALWAYS FOLLOW SAFE BURNING PROCEDURES!

YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR NEIGHBORS ARE COUNTING ON YOU!

THE RESPONSIBILITY TO CONDUCT A SAFE BURN IS YOURS!

- Burn only when weather conditions are suitable. Do not burn on windy days or in hot, dry weather.
- **REMEMBER:** Dry Grass in Spring is very flammable and fire spreads fast!
- Be aware of and mitigate risk of traffic accidents due to smoke.
- When fire bans are declared, all fires **MUST** be fully extinguished.
- Fire must be supervised at all times by a responsible adult. Never leave your fire unattended.
- Adequate water supply and/or suitable fire extinguishing equipment must be on site in case you need to put the fire out quickly. Have an emergency action plan in place.
- The burn area should be completely surrounded by a fuel break (fireguard) cleared of combustible material to a width of no less than 25 meters. If burning unharvested crop, till a soil band of 25 meters around the burn area. Additional information regarding burning of unharvested crops can be found on the AB Ag and Forestry website.
- Fuel breaks shall be well away from steep slopes, ravines and coulees.
- Windrows of debris must be no more than 60 meters in length with 8 meters between the ends of windrows. Parallel windrows must be separated by no less than 15 meters.
- No windrow shall be closer than 25 meters to uncleared land or standing combustible fuels.
- Watch for sparks and combustible material that may result in smaller fires. Large fires can send sparks over several kilometers, especially when burning in the wind.
- Burn only as much as you can keep under control!
- Avoid burning on muskeg land. Occurrence of underground and holdover fires are very common on muskeg land.
- Fires can remain dormant in large piles and underground for very long periods of time, including over winter months and wet weather. These fires can resurface at any time and especially when fire hazard conditions are high. Continue to check completed burning projects to be sure no holdover fires are present.
- To completely extinguish your fire:
  - Spread remaining debris and probe the area for hotspots
  - Use your bare hand to feel for heat over the ash piles
  - If you see smoke or feel any heat, the fire is still burning beneath the surface
  - Douse any remaining hot spots with water and stir the ashes



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With the increased amount of land clearing in our area and brush piles popping up everywhere, the need to practice safe burning procedures is paramount.

The potential of additional burning of unharvested crops, as well as changes in our weather, increase the need to be informed, aware, prepared and to plan ahead.

The Municipal District of Fairview No. 136 is not within the boundary of the provincial regulated Alberta Forest Protection Area. If Alberta Forestry Wildfire Division assistance is needed to fight wildfires in our municipality, all associated costs will be charged to the party responsible for the fire that became out of control.

**FIRE SUPPRESSION  
INSURANCE IS VITAL TO  
AVOID DEVASTATING  
FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS.**

## **PUBLIC AWARENESS AND COOPERATION**

is an  
important first step to  
managing controlled burns  
and fire suppression costs of  
out of control burns.

### **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

#### **FIRE BANS:**

[www.albertafirebans.ca](http://www.albertafirebans.ca)

or call

**1-866-394-3473**

#### **ALBERTA AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY:**

[www.agric.gov.ab.ca](http://www.agric.gov.ab.ca)

#### **ALBERTA FORESTRY WILDFIRE DIVISION:**

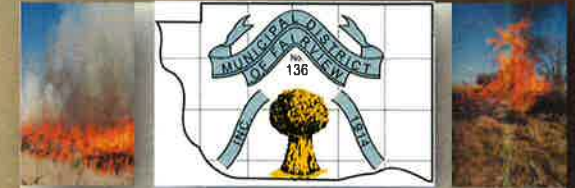
[www.wildfire.alberta.ca](http://www.wildfire.alberta.ca)

#### **MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF FAIRVIEW NO. 136**

**Box 189**

**Fairview, AB T0H 1L0**

**780-835-4903**



**ARE YOU PLANNING A  
CONTROLLED BURN IN THE  
M.D. OF FAIRVIEW?**

**DO YOU HAVE FIRE  
SUPPRESSION INSURANCE?**

**ARE YOU AWARE OF THE  
SAFE BURNING PRACTICES?**

**BEFORE YOU BURN.....**

**CONSULT WITH YOUR INSURANCE  
ADVISOR TO ENSURE COVERAGE FOR  
FIRE SUPPRESSION COSTS AND THIRD  
PARTY LIABILITY.**

**As the landowner, you are  
responsible for all costs of fire  
suppression as well as third party  
liability and property damage.**

**AVOID DEVASTATING COSTS BY  
BEING PREPARED!**

**INFORM THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE  
BEFORE YOU START YOUR BURN.**