



Clearwater Regional Fire Rescue Services

Burn Notification Information

For burning in Clearwater County, please follow these guidelines:

Visit our website [here](#) to complete a burn notification; or if you are unable to access our website you can call our burn notification hotline at [403-845-7711](tel:403-845-7711).

Required information for a burn notification:

- Legal land location of the burning site.
- Expected ignition and completion dates.
- Contact information of the individual lighting and supervising the burn pile.
- Identification of what substance is being burned.

A permit is required for all fires from March 1 to October 31, except campfires, in the [Forest Protection Area of Alberta](#). Fire permits are free and can be requested from Alberta Wildfire. To locate your nearest office, go to wildfire.alberta.ca/prevention/fire-permits or call 310-0000.

Before beginning your burn, please ensure the following is complete:

- 1) Ensure the burn pile is in a safe location (*preferably on mineral soil - not on organic material or peat moss*).
- 2) Ensure that all prohibited debris are removed from the pile (*if this is not done you can face substantial fines from Alberta Environment*).
- 3) Ensure adequate space and clearance from other combustible material is maintained (*minimum 6 meters or 20 feet*).
- 4) Notify nearby residents prior to burning, burning should not be conducted when the wind is blowing smoke toward residential or other structures within 1000 meters of the burn site.
- 5) Post "smoke ahead" signage if burning within ½ kilometer of a primary or secondary highway, paved county road or a multi-lot subdivision.
- 6) Enough tools, equipment or quantities of water must be readily available for the size of the burn being conducted.
- 7) Avoid burning in windy conditions, which can increase your chances of losing control of the fire.
- 8) Do not situate a burn over, under or near power lines, gas lines or other utilities.
- 9) One adult capable of extinguishing a fire must always be supervising the fire (at minimum).
- 10) Ensure that a 24-hour fire watch is maintained at the site until the fire is completely out (*extinguish the ash pile at completion of the burn by soaking and stirring the pile as many times as is necessary to entirely extinguish the ashes*).
- 11) The owner/contractor is wholly responsible for the safe control of burning.
- 12) The owner/contractor will indemnify the municipality for all liability arising from controlled burns. The owner/contractor is advised to have appropriate liability insurance for controlled burn activities.

For burning within the Town of Rocky Mountain House or the Village of Caroline:

If you are planning on burning within the corporate limits of The Town of Rocky Mountain House or the Village of Caroline, you must fill out a written permit.

Written permits can be obtained at Regional Fire Headquarters at 4504 - 42 Street Rocky Mountain House, Alberta.

In the event a fire ban is announced by the Province of Alberta or Clearwater County, the Town of Rocky Mountain House, or the Village of Caroline all fires must be extinguished immediately. If a fire is permitted to continue burning under a fire ban, the owner/contractor will be responsible for any and all costs associated with the burn operations (including all costs of the municipal fire department or Alberta Wildfire crews).

If you require any further clarification, please call Clearwater Regional Fire Rescue Services (CRFRS) at 403-845-4444 Monday to Friday between 08:30 AM and 4:30 PM. For afterhours inquiries please call CRFRS 24-hour emergency number at 403-845-2200.

For emergencies call 9-1-1