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County Hosting Upcoming FireSmart Wood Waste Clean-up Events this Spring

County residents and businesses are encouraged to bring wood debris, branches and deadfall from their yards to the County's Annual FireSmart Wood Waste Clean-up taking place on Saturday, May 27 and June 3.

"Approximately 50 per cent of home losses are caused by embers igniting combustible materials on the roof and around the home. Properties in treed and grassy areas are especially prone to wildfires due to the wood debris, branches and deadfall which is highly combustible," said Ken Atamanchuk, Fire Marshal. "Participating in the Wood Waste Clean-Up is an easy and effective way to protect yourself, loved ones and property from wildfires."

Residents will have the opportunity to drop off their wood debris, branches and deadfall from their yard for the County of Grande Prairie Regional Fire Services to chip and dispose of for free at the following times and locations:

- **Saturday, May 27 - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Pinebrook Estates** – Located on Range Road 55, south of Township Road 714
- **Saturday, June 3 - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Lawra Estates** – Located on Range Road 54, north of Township Road 712

Staff as well as a representative from Alberta Agriculture and Forestry will be on site handing out information and answering questions regarding the FireSmart program. As well, free BBQ hot dogs and refreshments will be served at the events.

For more information, please visit www.countygp.ab.ca/firesmart or contact Ken Atamanchuk, County Fire Marshal at 780-532-9727.

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