

PRESS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

TOTAL FIRE BAN

*The following municipalities are included in the County of Grande Prairie No. 1 fire ban: The Towns of Beaverlodge, Sexsmith, Wembley and the Village of Hythe.

Grande Prairie, June 23, 2009

PURSUANT TO SECTION 12 OF BYLAW #2682 OF THE COUNTY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE NO. 1:

Due to the extreme dry conditions within the County of Grande Prairie No. 1, effective 12 noon, June 23, 2009, a County-wide fire ban will be in effect. THIS ORDER WILL:

- * SUSPEND ALL FIRE PERMITS CURRENTLY ISSUED;
- * PROHIBIT THE LIGHTING OF ANY FIRES WITHIN THE COUNTY;
- * FOR GREATER CLARITY: THIS FIRE BAN INCLUDES RECREATIONAL FIRE PITS

Under Bylaw #2682, all fires are banned in the County of Grande Prairie No. 1 until further notice.

* Fires which are contained in cooking and heating appliances and which are fueled by fluids; are not included in the ban at this time.

Any existing permits in the County of Grande Prairie No.1 are now void and no new fire permits will be issued. All fires currently burning must be extinguished immediately.

Given the extreme dry conditions, everyone is encouraged to not participate in any activity that may result in a fire during the fire ban.

INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY

Flaring

The following outlines the application of the County fire ban on oilfield flaring.

- > NO open pit flaring.
- > Fires contained in industrial facilities or on industrial sites approved by a forest officer or fire guardian.

Failure to comply with this ban could result in prosecution.

INFORMATION NUMBERS

If you are unsure how this ban may affect you, contact the County of Grande Prairie No. 1 Fire Protection Office at (780) 513-3953.

If you spot a fire, Dial 911