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Remember to follow safe burning practices; burning is not permitted during winds 12km/hr or higher

As strong winds continue to create dry conditions in the region, The County Fire Service is reminding residents to follow safe burning practices. In 2012, 128 grassfires were responded to across the County. Many of them were human-caused.

“We urge residents to use all necessary precautions before burning,” stated Fire Chief Everett Cooke. “Call us before you burn to get all the facts and information you need to conduct your burn safely.” Be sure to check the forecast to avoid burning on windy days, have suppression tools on hand, and never leave a fire unattended. Burning is not permitted when winds reach 12 km per hour or higher. If a fire does get out of control, do not try to fight it yourself. Call 911 immediately.

The County has 4 different Fire Burning Areas (White, Yellow, Red and Green). Residents can obtain an annual permit to burn in burn barrels, firepits and approved incinerators. If you live in the County White area, verbal notification is required during Fire Season (March 1st to October 31st). In the Yellow area, an inspection is needed during Fire Season. If you reside in a hamlet/subdivision or are in the Red area, a written fire permit is required year round. To request an inspection or permit from the County Fire Service please call 780-532-9727. In the Green area, call SRD to obtain a written permit from a Forestry Fire Guardian during Fire Season as this area is designated as the Forest Protection Area. If residents are unsure which Burning Area they reside in, or who their fire guardian is, they are encouraged to go online, www.countygp.ab.ca, and click on fire permits under the quick links section, or call Fire Services.

Residents are reminded that there is no burning of household garbage within hamlets or listed residential subdivisions (an area of land divided up into building lots containing more than five adjoining residences). It now requires an inspection and permit and must be done within an approved incinerator or burn barrel.

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