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County Fire Service urges residents not to burn as fire hazard rises

The County Fire Service has issued a burn advisory as a preventive measure to reduce the risk of wildfires. Spring cleanup fires and grass burning occasionally get out of control and cause wildfires.

“We do not recommend any burning at this time unless it is absolutely necessary,” stated Fire Chief Everett Cooke. “Fire fighters have responded to 5 grass fires over the past 3 days. All were human-caused.”

The warm, dry weather conditions are expected to last for the next week. When it is safe to burn, remember to follow safe burning practises. Burning is not permitted when winds reach 12km/hr or higher as fires can escape easily when winds pick up. If a fire does get out of control, keep safety in mind and do not fight it yourself. Call 911 immediately.

For safe burning practices, visit the County website at countygp.ab.ca.

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