

STRAW & STUBBLE BURNING



County of
VERMILIONRiver

DEPARTMENT: FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES

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- Producers should test their unharvested crops prior to starting a spring harvest (for mold and/or toxin growth).
- Producers should contact AFSC prior to any harvest, salvage or destruction operation.
- Landowner must work with Fire Chief to develop a proper burning plan and receive a CVR Burn Permit prior to starting the burn.
- Area to be burned MUST BE completely surrounded by a fire guard of non-flammable material at least 45' wide.
- Landowner MUST have appropriate equipment on site to create an emergency fire guard (ie. tractor and disc/cultivator).
- Fire must be supervised at all times.
- Burning must take place during the day between sunrise and sunset.
- Burning unharvested crops will only be allowed between March 1 and June 30, 2017.

PERMITTED & PROHIBITED FIRES

- No person shall light or cause to be lit any outdoor fire or structure fire on land owned or occupied by him or under his control within the boundaries of the County UNLESS they hold a valid fire permit.
- When a total fire ban is in place, no person shall ignite any type of fire, (whether or not the person is a holder of a fire permit) and shall immediately extinguish any fire lit once a total ban is announced
- When a restricted/partial ban is in place, only burning barrel and recreational fires are permitted
- No person shall light a fire and pass it from their land to another's land
- No person shall light a fire without first taking precautions to ensure that the fire can be under control at all times
- No person shall conduct any activity that involves the use of fire where smoke can impose visibility to any traffic or pedestrian traffic on a road or highway.

CHARGES-Residents or Ratepayers of CVR:

- Will be invoiced for fire calls which are a result of negligence.
- Will be charged for fire calls which are a result of fires where the person is not the holder of a subsisting fire or fireworks permit in accordance with this bylaw.
- Will be charged a penalty for burning during fire ban

RATES

- Rates will apply unless the fire is covered under a mutual aid agreement with another jurisdiction
- Any fire truck from each department responding can charge \$300 per hour for the first 2 hours; \$200 per hour thereafter per fire apparatus and \$100 per hour for command unit.
- A fee for the cost of fire fighting will be charged up to maximum allowable amount per insurance claim submitted.
- Penalty for burning during a fire ban is \$500
- Penalty for burning without a permit \$300

Minimum
penalty is
\$300.

DEFINITIONS

Burnable Debris

"encompasses all waste material including straw and stubble"

Running Fire

"an out of control fire or a fire not being properly supervised"

Council establishes Fire Services for the purpose of preventing prairie or Running Fires and enforcing the Forest Prairie and Protection Act



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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES at sruller@county24.com

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