

VERMILION RIVER REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES COMMISSION

BURN PIT POLICY

Following is the policy for burn pit management that is practiced at all Vermilion River Regional Waste Management Services Commission transfer sites. These protocols follow municipal, provincial and federal government regulations. The Commission realizes that it is a privilege for us to have a year-round fire permit in order to be able to accommodate our patrons. The Commission's operators are responsible for ensuring that the regulations and the burn pit policy are followed when monitoring the pit at their site.

Before beginning any burn, our operators must receive permission from the County of Vermilion River Protective Services Division via the East Central Call Centre. Absolutely no burning is allowed when the region is under a full fire ban. Under partial fire bans, with a special dispensation from the County of Vermilion River Protective Services Division, burning may be allowed on an individual basis, but under mandatory monitoring. When there is no fire ban, and if conditions are conducive, the operators may determine when they will conduct a burn.

Non-flammables such as old grain or soil should never be placed in the pit. Bulk material such as grain does not burn well and will smoulder and smoke and flare up long after the original fire has gone out. Soil inhibits burning in the pit and fills up the pit. We do accept clean yard waste in our pits, but it should not be placed in plastic bags, and it should be dry and soil-free.

PROHIBITED MATERIALS:

- Bulk material such as grain or soil;
- Unidentified liquids;
- Metal, glass, organic animal waste, insulation, drywall;
- Wood with other material attached such as flooring, etc.

POSSIBILITY OF HARMFUL EMISSIONS:

- Treated or pressure-treated wood such as railroad ties;
- Plastics;
- Shingles;
- Rubber tires;
- Mattresses or couches.

POTENTIAL FIRE HAZARD:

- Cardboard and paper;
- Highly combustible material;
- Oil, fluids or chemicals.
- Propane tanks.

Our fire pits are not designed to be incinerators, as the pits do not reach a high enough heat.