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## FIRE BAN

Despite isolated thundershowers in some areas of the MD yesterday, most of the region is still experiencing very dry conditions, with the wildfire risk ranging from moderate to extreme throughout the municipality. The forecasted high temperatures will continue to drive the fire danger rating up in all areas, and as a result a Fire Ban is now in effect for all open fires within the municipal boundaries of the MD of Willow Creek.

The MD of Willow Creek appreciates everyone's efforts and patience as we deal with Alberta's ever-changing weather. A fire ban is issued to inform citizens about conditions presenting a high fire risk. Fire bans are enacted during extended periods of hot and dry weather, or when events like high winds create conditions conducive to large fires.

Under the **Fire Ban**, all active fire/burn permits are cancelled, and no new permits will be issued until a significant amount of precipitation is received. Burning of any kind is prohibited, including recreational fires (campfires, backyard fire pits and outdoor fireplaces), burning in a burn barrel or incinerator, charcoal briquette BBQs, yard debris, etc. Fireworks and exploding targets are also prohibited.

Propane or natural gas appliances (i.e., barbeques, stoves, heaters and portable firepits), for the purpose of heating or cooking are allowed, but must be CSA approved or UL certified.

Burning or lighting a fire during a **Fire Ban** is illegal, and fines or cost of response could apply.

If you have any questions regarding the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact the Emergency Services Department at 403-625-3351. For more information, please see the MD's Fire Services, Fire Permit and Fire Ban Bylaw No. 1952, as well as the Fire Ban and Fire Permit Policy No. 210-08 at <https://www.mdwillowcreek.com/p/bylaws-polices-and-other-documents>.

