

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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