



News Release
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Town of Ponoka Fire Restriction Announced

(September 6, 2017 – Ponoka, Alberta) – Due to hot, dry conditions, the Town of Ponoka Fire Department has announced that a Fire Restriction is in place. Ponoka residents are asked to help ensure the safety of the community and minimize any fire risk by observing the following Fire Restriction requirements.

Under the Fire Restriction, the use of fire pits is allowed but all fire pits must meet ‘acceptable’ requirements under the Town’s Fire Services Bylaw, which states that fire pits must:

- Have at least 3 metres of clearance from the edge of the fire pit to the nearest building, property line, or other combustible material.
- Not exceed 0.6 metres (2 feet) in height.
- Not exceed 1 metre (3.3 feet) in width/diameter.
- Be fully enclosed and constructed of bricks, concrete blocks, heavy-gauge metal or other non-combustible materials acceptable to the Town Fire Chief.
- Have a mesh screen with openings no larger than 1.25 cm. The screen must cover the fire pit, sufficiently contain airborne sparks, and be constructed of non-combustible material.

No other open air fires are allowed. The discharging of consumer fireworks is not permitted. Propane and natural gas BBQs are still permitted. All fire permits are suspended and no new permits will be issued. For updates on fire bans across Alberta, please visit www.albertafirebans.ca

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