

Frequently asked questions:

Fire Permit Request Portal

A fire permit is required for any burning activity, excluding campfires, from March 1 to October 31 in the Forest Protection Area of Alberta. Individuals and industry can request a free fire permit online using the fire permit system. Fire permits can also be requested by contacting your local Forest Area office.

Do I need a fire permit?

If you are doing any burning in the [Forest Protection Area](#), with the exception of a campfire, from March 1 to October 31, you will need a fire permit. Fire permits ensure safe burning practices and allow staff to know where burning is approved so firefighters and aircraft are free to fight wildfires.

If you are located outside of the Forest Protection Area, you do not need a permit from Alberta Wildfire. Your municipality may have its own rules and restrictions in place. Contact them for further details.

How much does a fire permit cost?

A fire permit from Alberta Wildfire is free.

What if I don't have internet access or don't want to request a permit online?

You can still request your free fire permit by contacting your local Forest Area office. For a list of locations and contact details call 310-0000 (toll free within Alberta).

What information do I need to request a permit online?

To request a fire permit online you will need a MyAlberta Digital ID (MADI) or MyAlberta Digital ID for Business (MADI B). You will need the burn material(s) and the location(s) of the burning activity. You can also include any applicable photos or attachments.

What is MyAlberta Digital ID (MADI)?

MyAlberta Digital ID provides you with a secure way to identify yourself to government online. An account provides you with a unique online identity, so you have secure access to multiple government programs and services. It is free to create and grants access to participating online government services. If you are a business, you can request a fire permit by logging into your MyAlberta Digital ID for business (MADI B) account. For more information on MADI visit account.alberta.ca.

I've requested my fire permit. Can I start burning?

No. A submitted permit request is not your permit that provides authorization to burn. An Alberta Wildfire Permitting Officer will issue a digital or paper permit, which will outline the conditions under which burning can be conducted. Burning without a valid permit or outside of the permit conditions can result in fines of up to \$600.

How long will it take before I get my permit?

An Alberta Wildfire representative will contact you within three business days to discuss your permit request and arrange a time to perform an onsite visit.

What happens once my request is submitted?

Once your fire permit request is submitted, it will be assigned to an Alberta Wildfire representative. This individual will review the request details and contact you within three business days to set up a time to perform an onsite visit. If your burn site meets the guidelines, you will be issued your fire permit.

Can I submit an online request to use fireworks or exploding targets?

Yes. However, since 2017 the use of both fireworks and exploding targets within the Forest Protection Area has been prohibited without written permission from a Forest Officer. This written permission is required year round. There is additional information beyond what is indicated on your online fire permit request, which will be required to obtain written permission. More information can be found on our website:

wildfire.alberta.ca/prevention/fireworks or wildfire.alberta.ca/prevention/exploding-targets.

What if there is a fire advisory, restriction or ban in place?

Alberta Wildfire has a tiered fire ban system restricting activities that may cause wildfires in the Forest Protection Area (FPA) of Alberta.

If a fire advisory has been implemented in the area in which you are intending to burn, you can still submit a request for a fire permit. However, the issuance of fire permits may be restricted.

If a fire restriction has been put in place, existing fire permits may be restricted or suspended and no new fire permits will be issued. You can still submit your request so when conditions change, the Alberta Wildfire representative can inspect your site.

If a fire ban is instituted existing fire permits will be suspended and no new permits will be issued. You can still submit your request so when conditions change, the Alberta Wildfire representative can inspect your site.

If you included an email address with your request, you will receive an email that outlines the status of your existing fire permit.

More information on the fire ban system and a listing of approved activities can be found on our website: wildfire.alberta.ca/prevention/fire-ban-system.