

# Ponoka County Regional Fire Service Fire Advisory Effective April 30, 2026

In conjunction with the Rocky Forest Protection Area, which affects the area of Ponoka County west of Range Road 44, and the forecasted warm dry windy weather, Ponoka County Regional Fire Services has implemented a **Fire Advisory effective 8:00 a.m. April 30, 2026** in their response area (Ponoka County, Town of Ponoka, Town of Rimbey and Summer Village of Parkland Beach).

Under the advisory, open burn and fireworks discharge permit will be approved on a case by case basis and extensions for existing permits may not be granted. Residents are encouraged to refrain from non-essential burning or activities which may result in a fire until conditions improve. This includes, but not limited to, heavy fuel burning such as machine piled brush piles and windrows, fireworks & exploding targets.

At this time the following is allowed but may also be affected:

- backyard fire pit and burning barrel (**with a mesh screen** and attended at all times. Both can heat the ground around them resulting in a fire)
- Incinerators (for farm & acreage use),
- BBQs (propane/charcoal briquette) and smokers.
- Gas and liquid powered appliances (eg stoves, lanterns and propane fire rings)

Always remember to use extreme caution while using your fire pits, burn barrels and conducting any open burning. An “under control” fire can change in a matter of seconds or minutes.

We recommend any landowners who have done burning over the winter months to revisit the burn locations and ensure the fires are extinguished and cold to the touch. Smoke may not always be present from the burn piles which are still smoldering but could reignite and cause a wildfire.

Thanks for helping keep the residents and community safe!

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