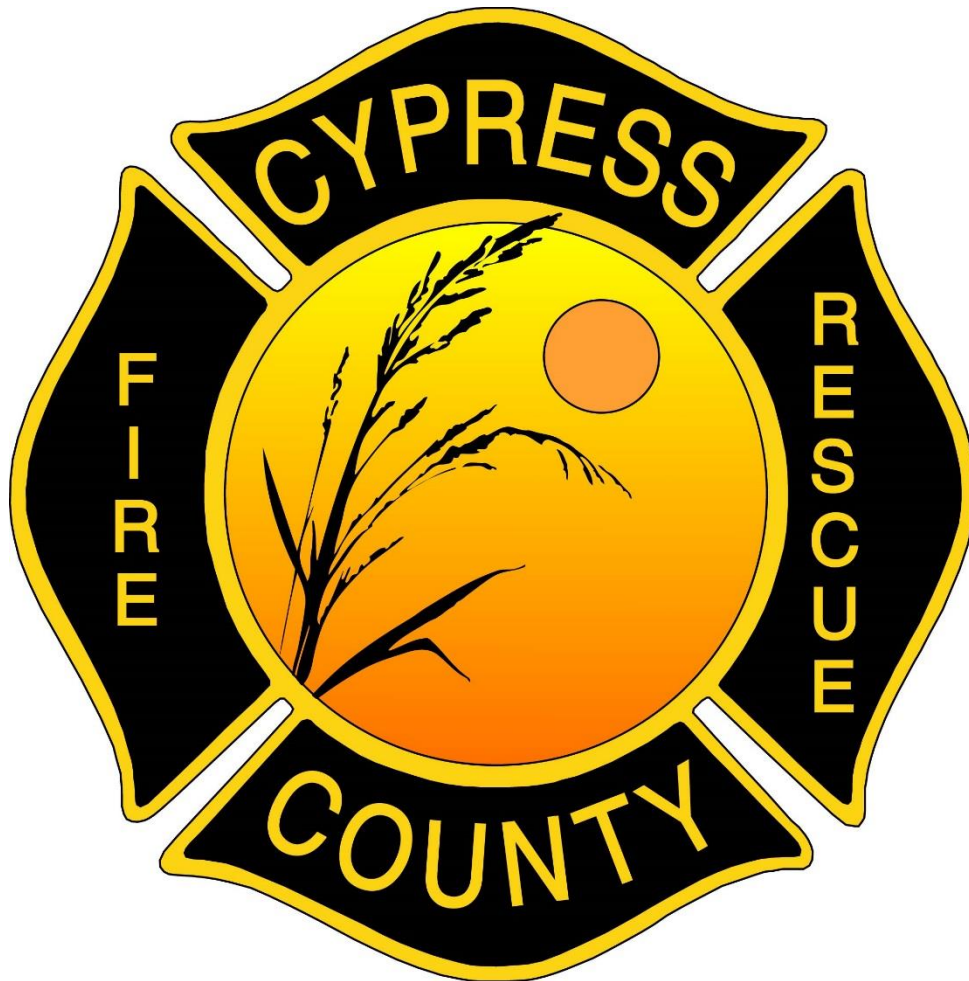


FIRE PERMITS



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FIRE PERMITS

There is no charge for a fire permit. Fire permits are required for all open burning on a year round basis. Exceptions are recreational fires and burning barrels with a fitted screen. Fire permits are valid for 7 days from the date of issue. If conditions warrant, permits may be cancelled at any time. Extensions may be granted under a new permit number, provided the required conditions can be met. Anyone in receipt of a fire permit must inform the Fire Dispatch Centre at 403.529.8285 prior to commencing burning.

When disposing of a building or structure by burning, the building or structure must first be demolished. The burning of tires, plastic wastes or other toxic noxious materials or substances is not permitted. Upon suspension or cancellation of any permit, the person concerned must extinguish immediately any fire set according to his permit. The general public may be notified of suspension or cancellation of the fire permits through the press, radio or television. Upon such notification all fires ignited under the authority of a permit or any fire under the control or jurisdiction of a permit holder must be extinguished immediately.

REGULATIONS

1. In Cypress County fire permits are required year round.
2. To obtain a permit, apply online at www.cypress.ab.ca or contact the County Office.
3. The fire must be set at the date and place indicated on the permit.
4. The number of fires set at one time and minimum equipment needed may be specified on the permit.
5. A fire permit is a legal document which conditionally authorized a person to burn Class A materials (wood/paper) at a date specified on the permit.
6. By obtaining a fire permit you have indicated simply you wish to burn. The responsibility for conducting a safe burn is yours.
7. Anyone who sets a fire under authority of a permit must comply with the following requirements and conditions.

FIRE PERMIT CONDITIONS

1. Fire must be supervised at all times by a responsible adult.
2. No burning is permitted when winds exceed 15 km/hr or are gusting.
3. Suitable fire extinguishing equipment to be located at site.
4. The Fire Dispatch Centre must be notified prior to burn taking place and upon completion.
5. Only clean wood, brush, tree pruning's and other burnable debris are to be burned.
6. An accurate description of the size and the type of combustibles must be given to the Fire Guardian when applying for a permit.
7. Any breach of the above conditions renders the permit null and void.

BEFORE YOU BURN
CALL 403.529.8285 (Fire Dispatch Centre)

GUIDELINES FOR USE OF A BURNING BARREL

1. Burning barrel to be installed on a non-combustible base, positioned so as not to endanger other combustible materials or structures.
2. Burning barrel to be fitted with a tight meshed spark arrester screen. (1/2" or 13mm).
3. Burning is not permitted when winds exceed 15 km/hr or are gusting.
4. A means of extinguishing the fire must be on site during operation.
5. The person using the burning barrel is responsible for its safe operation.

AGRICULTURAL LAND

Special regulations must be followed by those who have a fire permit to burn brush or debris after land clearing or other agricultural activities.

FOLLOW THESE PRECAUTIONS

1. Ensure that your fire guards are wide enough and cleared to prevent sparks from your fire. Large fires can carry sparks over a considerable distance.
2. Have required tools ready at the fire site and enough portable water to control fire if required.
3. Even for a small single pile you should have a shovel and water available.
4. If you have brush piles, burn only as much as you can keep under control.
5. Check to see if any neighbors will be available to assist you if you require emergency assistance.
6. Do not start to burn under windy or gusty conditions.
7. When your burn is completed, speed up any final extinguishing by dispersing any smoldering ash or accumulation of burned debris. Fires can remain dormant in large piles for long periods and usually surface when the fire hazard conditions are extreme. Persistent hot spots left to burn out must be well guarded.
8. When the weather gets dry, any holdover fire must be extinguished.
9. Continue to check completed burning projects to be sure no holdover fires are present.
10. Notify the dispatch centre when the burn is complete.

****One of the most serious burning problems is caused by sparks escaping from brush piles and burning barrels****

For more information contact

CYPRESS COUNTY 403.526.2888