



PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Grassland Fire Safety and Fire Prevention

Everyone should be aware that conditions are favourable in many areas for grass fires to occur, and that we should exercise extra care and caution during this time. The Swift Current Fire Department would like to remind the public to consider the following:

If you live in the city:

- Prior to obtaining or building a fire pit, pick up an Outdoor Fire Permit form which describes the requirements. Forms are available at the Fire Hall and City Hall. All fire pits must be inspected by our department prior to burning. A permit will be issued if the pit meets the requirements.
- Burning grass or rubbish within city limits is not permitted.

If you live in a rural area:

- Do not park vehicles with catalytic converter on grass or stubble fields. Catalytic converters can get very hot and can ignite grass, stubble or brush very easily.
- Remove any equipment, debris or dead weeds or grass from around your buildings. Cultivate areas to provide a fire guard or break around buildings.
- Before performing controlled burns, call your local Municipal Office, Fire Department (306-778-2760), and Controlled Burn Number (1-866-404-4911) to advise when, where, and what you will burn.
- Avoid burning unless conditions are safe. Check the forecast for temperature, wind speed, and wind direction.
- Advise your neighbours as they sometimes see the smoke or flame and report the fire not knowing it is a controlled burn.

- Before you begin your controlled burn, ensure that:
 - you have extra help with brooms or water to extinguish fire around fence posts and poles, machinery etc.;
 - your buildings are clear of wood and debris;
 - you have a truck-mounted water tank, pump, and hose available;
 - you place extinguishers on each piece of farm implement: a 20 lb. multi-purpose dry chemical extinguisher is ideal. A pressurized water extinguisher or pump-action extinguisher on your balers and combines may allow you to extinguish a small fire before it is out of control.

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