

Controlled Burns in the RM

Parties wishing to execute a controlled burn are encouraged to follow these steps to avoid costly and unnecessary Fire Department responses:

Call the Provincial Controlled Burn Notification Line: 1-866-404-4911

When reporting a controlled burn, you will be asked the following questions:

- What is your land location?
- What is your RM number?
- Who is your Fire Service Provider?
- What are the location details?
- What are you burning?
- How long will your burn last?
- What is your name and phone number?

You will be asked to call back once the burn is completed.

All dispatching is done through 911 and your local department receives their information from the 911 service. It is also very important that this protocol be adhered to so that the Fire Department is not tied up with a false alarm when a real emergency occurs.

This number is not for reporting emergencies; to report a fire or other emergency, dial 911. Likewise, 911 is not for reporting controlled burn information.

1. You may burn brush, leaves, untreated lumber, or any other natural product on the land from which it was cleared. You **MAY NOT** burn insulation (electrical or otherwise), treated or painted lumber, plastics, sheetrock, shingles, carpet, rubber products, paints, oils, or any material that yields toxic gas and smoke with combustion.
2. You may not burn on windy days or during dry periods. During dry periods segments of the Province may be subject to a burn ban in which **NO OUTDOOR BURNING IS PERMITTED**, including burn barrels. Daily Wildfire Activity information may be found at <http://www.environment.gov.sk.ca/> and selecting the tab, "Daily Wildfire Information."
3. **You must call each day that you burn.** Burning hours are from one hour **AFTER** sunrise to one hour **BEFORE** sunset. No additional material may be added to the fire that would cause burning to extend past this time.

4. Campfires, cooking fires, and bonfires are allowed to burn after dark, as long as the materials are those listed above as legal to burn. During periods of a burn ban, these types of fires may not be burned. Other than burn bans and legal materials listed above, the general rules on allowable outdoor burning do not apply to fires covered by this exception.
5. Your fire should be downwind of or at least three hundred feet from the nearest property with any type of structure. The immediate area of the fire should be clear of brush, overhanging limbs, and other combustibles. You should have a shovel, rake, and a hose connected to a reliable water source nearby to prevent the spread of the fire. To ensure the fire is ***Controlled burns require control of the fire, contingency equipment should be available for plowing, tilling, cultivating or disking.***
6. Ideally the fire should be tended by more than one person and must be attended until the fire is extinguished.
7. If wind carries smoke across any public roadway, you must post someone on the road to flag traffic.

Should you have any questions please contact your local RM office during business hours or the Estevan Fire Rescue Service 8 am to 4:30 pm Monday to Friday.