



## MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PEACE NO.135 POLICY

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<b>TITLE:</b> Burning of Brush Piles or Stumps	COUNCIL	<b>SUPERSEDES:</b> February 9, 1999
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**PURPOSE OF THIS POLICY:** To provide a procedure for landowners burning brush piles or stumps where the location of the burning is within 2 miles of a numbered highway.

### **POLICY STATEMENT**

This procedure has been developed for use while burning in the off-season (November 1 - March 31); however, landowners within two miles of a numbered highway are encouraged to follow the process whenever they are lighting a fire that may place others at risk.

1. Contact the Municipal Office (780-338-3845) a minimum of two weeks prior to your proposed date to burn.
2. The landowner may phone Alberta Forestry (780-624-6190) for advice on how to achieve a successful burn.
3. The landowner is to obtain a weather forecast from Environment Canada at [http://weather.gc.ca/city/pages/ab-25\\_metric\\_e.html](http://weather.gc.ca/city/pages/ab-25_metric_e.html) to ascertain whether or not appropriate weather conditions are forecast to achieve a successful burn and to alleviate smoke problems for neighboring residents or the travelling public.
4. The landowner will inform Alberta Transportation (780-624-6280) or the local road maintenance contractor of his intent to burn in order that numbered highways may be assessed for smoke problems. It is recommended that temporary warning signs be posted.
5. Contact our fire department's dispatch (City of Grande Prairie at 780-538-0393) and advise them:
  - a) your legal location where burning is occurring
  - b) the date you will be starting the fires
  - c) how long you expect the fires to burn
  - d) your name and phone number for future contact.
 This information may prevent unnecessary trips by our volunteer fire departments.
6. Landowners are to be advised that under the Public Highways Development Act, the RCMP have the authority to order fires extinguished, in the event that smoke and/or fire is causing a problem for the travelling public.
7. Councillors and municipal staff are to advise the Municipal Office of any brush piles they have observed in the Municipality.