



Required rules to follow when burning within 200 metres of forested land

When is fire season on Prince Edward Island?

Fire season runs from March 15 to November 15 of each year.

What number do I call to find out about burning days, or for general burning information?

You can call 1-800-237-5053 to find out about the current burning restrictions in place for the province of PEI. This number can be accessed 24 hours a day; 7 days a week.

You can also visit our website,

PrinceEdwardIsland.ca/FireInformation

Is burning the only means of disposal on PEI?

No. There are other methods of disposal of brush and other natural debris. You might consider mulching, composting, or hauling to a local waste facility. *Please note: contact your local waste facility to inquire about dropping off brush and natural debris.*

Do the guidelines for burning apply everywhere on PEI?

No. There are municipalities on Prince Edward Island that have their own by-laws; there are also some villages that have bylaws that restrict burning. It is the responsibility of the resident/visitor to find out if your municipality or village has its own by-laws. If it does not, or you live outside of a municipality, your area is governed by provincial regulations.

What can I burn?

The burning information present in this informational guide applies only to non-treated, woody material. Certain material such as pressure-treated wood and construction materials are not permitted to be burned under any circumstances.

Why is there no burning between 8:00am and 2:00pm for category 1 burning?

At 2:00 pm daily throughout the fire season, the wildland fire danger potential is determined for the current day. In the interest of public safety, Category 1 burning is not permitted until an accurate evaluation of the wildland fire danger risk has been completed.





Category 1 Fire

- No more than two piles burning at one time
- Piles must be three metres or smaller in diameter
- Piles cannot be more than two metres high
- Multiple piles must be at least 10 metres apart from each other
- Burning of tree limbs, leaves, brush or cut grass is permitted
- Fire must be attended at all times

What type of permission will be given?

There will be three levels of permission granted, based on the weather and current fire conditions in your area; these permission levels are similar to the traffic light system.

 Open Burning – burning will be permitted between 2pm and 8am

 Restricted Burning – burning will be permitted between 8pm and 8am

 Non-Burning – no burning is permitted

Please note: burning is not permitted between 8:00am – 2:00pm, regardless of permission or weather conditions. If you light a fire, you must ensure it is extinguished before leaving the area.

What type of fire categories require more detailed permissions?

The following types of fires require permits and possible inspection(s) by a Forest Service Officer from the Department of Environment, Energy and Climate Action:

Category 2 Fire

- Requires written permission and possible pre-inspection
- Three or more piles burning at one time
- Piles must be three metres or smaller in diameter
- Piles cannot be more than two metres high
- Multiple piles must be at least 10 metres apart from each other
- Burning of tree limbs, leaves, brush or cut grass is permitted
- Fire must be attended at all times

OR

- Requires written permission and possible pre-inspection
- Burning of only one pile at any given time
- Piles can be bigger than three metres in diameter
- Piles can be more than two metres high
- Multiple piles must be at least 10 metres apart from each other
- Burning of tree limbs, leaves, brush or cut grass is permitted
- Fire must be attended at all times

Please note: specific guidelines from Forest Service Officer must be followed at all times.

Failure to comply with any of the above is an offence. For more information, contact your local Forests, Fish & Wildlife Office:

Southampton Office: 902-961-7296 / Beach Grove Office: 902-368-4800

Wellington Office: 902-854-7260 / Upton Road Office: 902-368-4700

or visit: princeedwardisland.ca/fireinformation



Category 3 Fire

- Requires written permit
- Any size fire that is used for the purpose of treating plants in a blueberry field
- Fire must be attended at all times

Please note: specific guidelines from Forest Service Officer must be followed at all times.

Category 4 Fire

- Requires written permission and possible pre-inspection
- Prescribed burning
- For the purpose of clearing land
- Fire must be attended at all times

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What does 'prescribed burning' mean?

Prescribed burning is the knowledgeable application of fire to a piece of land for the specific forest management or other land use.

