



2022 FIRE PERMITS IN ANNEXED AREAS

For more information:
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Visit **stalbert.ca** and
search “**Fire Permits**”



The following information is provided by St Albert Fire Services, to assist those located in the newly annexed areas when applying for and receiving a fire permit.

WHAT HAS CHANGED WITH FIRE PERMITS IN THE ANNEXED AREAS?

Types of Fires Permitted – Remains the Same

The types of fires permitted and regulations around burning that were in place prior to annexation have remained the same in the annexed area. The following fires will only be permitted on land parcels greater than one acre:

- Burn barrels and incinerators are permitted with an annual permit.
- Burn piles of permitted materials, less than 3.6 m x 3.6 m x 1.6 m high, may be burnt any time of year with the issuance of a permit.
- Large brush piles, windrow piles and structure fires are piles larger than 12'L x 12'W x 6'H. These types of fires are only permitted **from December 1 - March 31**, they require a site inspection from Emergency Services staff prior to a permit being issued. Permits are issued for **30 days or until March 31** and can be issued on-site.

NOTE: Please call St. Albert Fire Dispatch at **780-459-7021** when starting and extinguishing a burn.

Process for Applying for a Fire Permit - NEW

The process for applying for a fire permit **has** changed. The new process is as follows:

1. Complete & Submit Fire Permit Application
 - a. Permits are available to download by visiting stalbert.ca/city/approvals/fires/. Please complete your fire permit application (for brush, brush piles, stubble, windrows, and burning barrels) and email to firepermits@stalbert.ca.
2. Permit Application Reviewed
 - a. A Fire Prevention Officer will review your application and may do an on-site inspection of the site.
3. Permit Issued
 - a. Your fire permit number will be issued within **five business days**.

RESPONSIBLE BURNING

All open fires and burning barrels, with the exception of campfires used for warming or cooking purposes, are permitted on lots larger than one acre. Responsible burning involves more than just applying for a fire permit. It's important to know what is acceptable to burn and what is not; and to ensure the fire is under control at all times.

Things to remember before you burn:

- Winds must be less than 15km per hour.
- Sufficient tools, equipment and quantities of water readily available for the size of the burn being conducted.
- When burning in a burn barrel, barrel must be constructed of non-combustible material, free of damage, covered with a metal mesh screen with openings no more than 13mm, be located on a non-combustible base and be located at least 3 meters away from property lines or any combustibles.

- You must obtain a fire permit and adhere to all of its conditions.
- Take precautions to ensure the fire is under control at all times.
- You are responsible for conducting a fire that is safe.
- You must attend your fire at all times.
- Smoke must not impair visibility on a roadway or highway.
- Consideration must be given to neighbours to avoid physical discomfort.
- Please ensure your fire is completely extinguished.
- Fire permits may be withdrawn if environmental conditions change.
- Fire permits will not be issued during a fire ban and burning is not permitted during a fire ban.

What you CAN burn:

"Burnable Debris" means all inflammable waste other than prohibited debris and includes but is not limited to:

- Straw and stubble;
- Grass and weeds, leaves and tree prunings;
- Wooden materials, which do not contain wood preservatives, from construction or demolition of buildings.

What you CAN'T burn:

"Prohibited Debris" means any inflammable waste that when burned, may result in the release of toxic substances into the atmosphere and includes but is not limited to:

- Animal carcass and manure
- Non-wooden material
- Waste material from building or construction sites
- Wood products containing substances for the purpose of preserving wood
- Combustible material
- Tires
- Rubber or plastic
- Used oil

Reminders

Stubble or grass fire burns are generally prohibited and will only be issued at the utmost discretion of the Fire Officer with any additional conditions as deemed necessary.

Fire permits are void when a Fire Ban is declared.

No fireworks permits will be issued for discharge or purchase.

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