



# 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](http://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](http://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

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## 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.

