

Crop Residue Burning Conditions

- The prevailing wind at the time shall not exceed 15 km per hour. (leaves and small twigs in motion; wind extends small flags)
- No person shall light any fire without first checking the long term weather forecast, and furthermore, that forecast to show settled weather for at least 24 hours following the time of lighting of any fire.
- The controlled burn shall be conducted during the hours of daylight only.
- The area to be burnt shall be fully surrounded by a continuous fire break cleared of all combustible material to a minimum width of 5 metres.
- A portable water supply sufficient to suppress any wildfire that may result from the controlled burn, and a means of delivery for that water, is to be on site for the duration of the burn, and must remain on site until the fire is completely out.
- In the case of agricultural crop residue, backburning from the prepared firebreak to increase the initial firebreak width is recommended at all times.
- In the case of agricultural crop residue, immediately following the burn the firebreak and adjacent burnt area of windrow is to be cultivated to minimise the risk of reignition.
- In all cases constant supervision is required. In the case of agricultural crop residue, it is recommended a minimum of two adults stay in attendance until the fire is completely out.
- Regular patrolling of the fire perimeter is to be conducted wherever practical.
- It is recommended a cellphone be on site for early warning should the controlled burn escape.
- The person lighting the fire should have current insurances for public liability and fire suppression in place.

The conditions as listed above are the bare minimum required and total compliance is expected.

Compliance with all the conditions listed above in no way invalidates the responsibility of the person lighting the fire should that fire escape and require suppression measures and later be the subject of legal claims for damages or suppression cost recoveries.

Persons lighting fires during a restricted fire season are reminded that these conditions must be complied with at all times. Care and vigilance is required to ensure that all fires are fully extinguished / dampened down afterwards.