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2025 Wildfire Season Awareness

Kings County, NS – The Wildfire season in Nova Scotia runs from March 15th through to October 15th. After Nova Scotia’s devastating wildfire season of 2023, which saw 214 wildfires in Nova Scotia there were a reported 85 wildfires across Nova Scotia in 2024. Kings County had a reported 7 wildfires burning 0.8 hectares.

Warm, dry weather in the spring increases the risk of wildfires. That is why **Nova Scotians should put safety first and check Burn Restrictions before starting a fire**. Prevention by following the daily burn restrictions is vital. The burn restrictions are set for public safety and indicative of the peak/driest conditions. Residents should check to ensure that there are no municipal By-laws that would prevent them from being permitted to burn.

Burn restrictions come into effect Monday, March 15. The Nova Scotia BurnSafe map (www.novascotia.ca/burnsafe) will be updated each day at 2 p.m. to show if burning is permitted that day. Information is also available via phone at 1-855-564-2876.

- **No Burning between 8am and 2pm daily.**
- if a county is shown in green, burning is permitted between 2 pm – 8am.
- if it is shown in yellow, burning is permitted between 7 pm – 8 am.
- if it is shown in red, burning is not permitted that day
- the map will appear red each day between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. to indicate burning is not permitted

Industrial Burning Permits are still required if you are land clearing, burning blueberry fields over 2 hectares in size and burning piles larger than 2m by 3m and more than one at a time. To obtain an Industrial Burning Permit, please call the Kentville Office at 902-679-6097. Industrial Burning Permits will require a site visit from the N.S. Department of Natural Resources.

The frequency of fires changes throughout the fire season (April to October). May and August traditionally have been the busiest months for wildfires. During the month of May, the trees typically experience a phenomenon called “spring dip” and the trees are drier and more susceptible to forest fires.

Prevention is the best way to reduce the occurrences of forest fires. We all have a role to play in preventing Wildfires. Homes and businesses, particularly those near wooded areas, should take steps now, to prepare for the season and to prevent loss or damage. Information regarding protecting your home be founded at <https://firesmartcanada.ca/homeowners/protect-your-home/>. If you see a wildfire, please report it by calling **9-1-1**. If you observe an illegal fire (not a wildfire), then please call the Department of Natural Resources at 1-800-565-2224.

For more information on Wildfire prevention, visit the Department of Natural Resources Wildfire website at <https://novascotia.ca/natr/forestprotection/wildfire/prevention.asp> or follow **Kings REMO** on Facebook (REMO_KingsCounty) or ‘X’ (@REMO_KingsCty).

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Wildfire Nova Scotia Viewer:

<https://www.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/91c63783cbd74699a0b46fbd2965ca58>

FireSmart Nova Scotia:

<https://m.facebook.com/people/FireSmart-Nova-Scotia/100083282267699/>

FireSmart Canada:

<https://firesmartcanada.ca/>

Daily burn restrictions from March 15 – October 15:

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