

Rural Municipality of Eldon No. 471

BYLAW No. 3/98

A BYLAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR THE PURPOSE OF BURNING WITHIN THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY.

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Eldon No. 471, in the Province of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

1. In this Bylaw the expression:
 - a) "Fire Season" shall mean the period of time in each year, commencing on March 15th and ending on November 15th.
 - b) "Burning Permit Area" shall mean all lands lying within the R.M. of Eldon No. 471.
2. No burning of any materials shall be allowed within the boundaries of the R.M. of Eldon No. 471, during the fire season, without the prior obtainment of a burning permit.
3. A burning permit is not required for barbeques, fire pits used for cooking and receptacles used for the burning of household refuse.
4. Burning permits shall be obtained from the R.M. of Eldon No. 471 municipal office, during regular office hours, and may be obtained free of charge.
5. Wherein the opinion of the administrator dry conditions exist making burning of any material hazardous a burning permit shall not be issued.
6. In a burning permit area or elsewhere, whether a permit is required or not, no person shall:
 - a) start any outdoor fire for any purpose without first taking sufficient precautions to ensure that the fire can be kept under control at all times;
 - b) start any outdoor fire for any purpose when weather conditions are conducive to a fire's readily escaping control;
 - c) fail to take reasonable steps to control a fire for the purpose of preventing it from spreading;
 - d) deposit, discard or leave any burning matter or substance in a place where it might ignite other matter and result in the spread of fire.
 - e) conduct any activity that involves the use of a fire or that might reasonably be expected to cause a fire to spread, unless exercising reasonable care to prevent a fire from occurring;
 - f) leave the place where he has started an outdoor fire without fully extinguishing the fire.
7. The form to be used for burning permits is attached hereto and identified as Schedule 'A' to this Bylaw.
8. Any person found guilty of an infraction of this Bylaw shall be liable to the penalties imposed by the General Penalty Bylaw of the Municipality.

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Reeve

Administrator

SCHEDULE 'A' to Bylaw No. 3/98

R.M. of ELDON No. 471

BURNING PERMIT

Permit No. : _____

Date : _____

This permit authorizes _____ (Owner/occupant)
of Quarter Section _____ Township _____ Range _____ West of the Third Meridian to
burn the following material :

on the property above mentioned between the _____ day of _____, 20 ____
and the _____ day of _____, 20 ____ In compliance with the following
conditions:

Controlled Burn / Ensure Vision On Roadway Not Obscured By Smoke

Administrator

Important Note:

Every person starting a fire in a rural municipality has responsibilities under *The Prairie and Forest Fires Act*. A copy of Sections 15 & 26 are on the back side of this permit for your information. Please read thoroughly before starting your fire.

The Rural Municipality Act, the *Fire Prevention Act*, and *The Prairie and Forest Fires Act* all have clauses that deal with the conditions where burning is permitted, and potential liability should the fire escape as well as the liability for the cost of putting the fire out. Under certain conditions, a common law violation could also occur where the nuisance from smoke interferes with either the private enjoyment of property, or if public safety is an issue.