

Wildfire Prevention For Alberta First Nations



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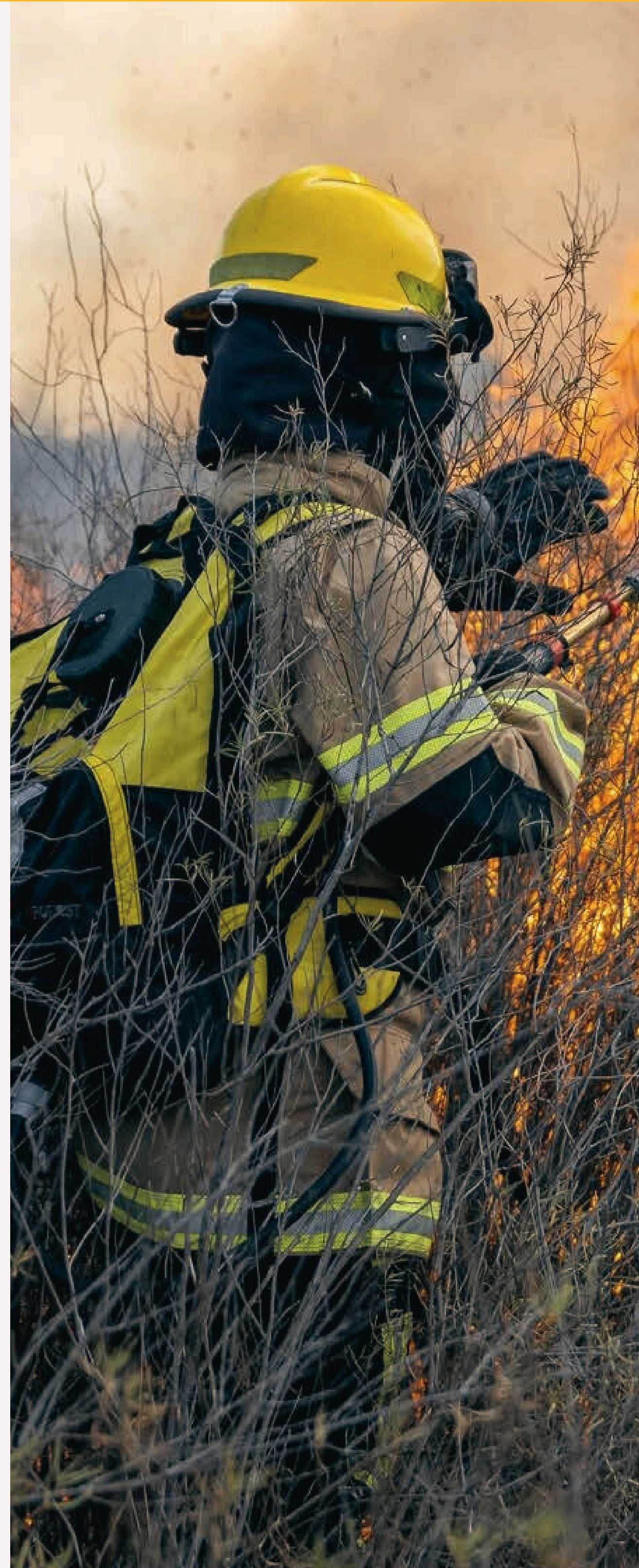


Reduce your risk.

- Check current weather conditions and the risk level for wildfires. Regularly updated fire situations reports are available online at the [Alberta Wildfire Status site](#).
- Follow all First Nation by-law and provincial orders related to burning permits, open-air fires and crop residue burning;
- Locate fire pits and burn barrels away from buildings and trees and keep them under constant supervision if used;
- Use designated sites for campfires, when permitted, and ensure they are fully extinguished;
- Dispose of cigarettes and other materials safely, which includes using vehicle ashtrays instead of throwing out a window;
- Avoid the use of all-terrain vehicles in areas at risk, as they can ignite brush from their exhaust systems;
- Check farm and lawn equipment to ensure spark arresters are working properly;
- Never set off fireworks during dry, high-risk conditions.

Check your home.

- Removing debris such as from eaves, gutters, roofs, etc. and regularly cutting the grass and removing the clippings from the lawn since dry grass and other debris will easily ignite.
- Avoiding piling wood against houses.
- Maintaining a clear driveway to your home.
- Moving any propane tanks away from buildings and clearing vegetation away from them. Their vents should always point away from buildings.
- Taking all relevant prevention measures for sheds and outbuildings as you would for a house.
- Consult the [FireSmart Canada Begins at Home Guide](#) for more information on protecting your home.



For more information on wildfire evacuation for Indigenous peoples visit www.canada.ca/indigenousevacuations.



Preparing to evacuate.

- In the event of a possible emergency evacuation, make sure you and your family are prepared. Be sure that your vehicle is fully fueled and that your emergency kit and any valuables are packed in your vehicle. If your First Nation does not have road access out of the community consult your band office or First Nation leadership to find out what evacuation plans are in place.
- Remain calm and monitor radio, television, etc. for information, alerts and evacuation orders from authorities. Learn more at Alberta.ca/prepare-to-evacuate.
- Emergency kits may include a first aid kit, portable radio, prescription medications, eyeglasses, food, water, flashlights and batteries, phone chargers and power banks, etc. More information on emergency kits is available at Alberta.ca/build-an-emergency-kit.
- Prepare homes by closing doors, windows and vents, and by moving any combustibles away from structures.

Emergency contacts.

Report a wildfire:	310-FIRE (3473)
Report a hydro outage:	310-WIRE (9473)
Highway closure information:	511
Medical transportation (NIHB):	1-800-514-7106

Additional online resources.

[A Guide to landscaping practices to protect your home](#)

[Resources FireSmart Canada](#)

[Alberta Wildfire Map](#)

[Power Outage Map](#)

[Alberta Highways](#)

[Wildfire Smoke Information](#)

[Get Prepared for Wildfires](#)

[Fire Protection in First Nation Communities](#)

