

What is the Athabasca Regional Community Protection Program?

The ARCPP is committed to reducing the risk to communities from wildfire in the Athabasca region

Who is involved?

Athabasca County

The Summer Villages at Baptiste Lake and Island Lake

Alberta Sustainable Resource Development (SRD)

Emergency Response Personnel

For more information on this program, contact your local Summer Village Councillor or Greg Boyachuk, Sustainable Resource Development at 780-675-8221

FREE Yard Debris Disposal Weekend

To promote FireSmart properties in our communities, we are happy to announce that during the **May long weekend**, fees for disposing yard debris including grass, leaves and wood, will be waived at the Whispering Hills Transfer Station.

**Saturday & Sunday
10 am to 6 pm**



Learn more about wildfires, fire prevention and FireSmart.

Check out our website: <http://srd.alberta.ca/wildfire/>

We are also on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Alberta-Wildfire-Info/357885625988?sk=wall>

And Twitter: <http://twitter.com/#!/ABGovWildfire>



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Wildfire Evacuation

Forest and prairie wildfires are capable of spreading at astonishing rates.

Forest fires can spread as fast as seven km/hour and windblown grass fires have been known to travel at speeds exceeding 17 km/hour.

If you live in or near a forested region of our province, sooner or later you may have to contend with the spread of a wildfire.

Be prepared!

The enclosed leaflet provides some valuable tips to help you prepare for wildfire evacuation.



FireSmart Community Event

Join Us:

FireSmart Open House

Saturday, July 7

Baptiste Lake Fire Hall

11am—2pm

Free burgers, pop, coffee
Displays and prizes

Everyone Welcome

**BLACK LOOKS GOOD
ON EVERYTHING,
EXCEPT A FOREST...**

If you see smoke or fire in the forest,
call the toll-free 310-FIRE hotline.

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Community FireSmart Grants

We are pleased to announce that the County of Athabasca, and the summer villages of Island Lake, Whispering Hills, and Island Lake South have received grants to complete FireSmart work in their communities.

Projects will include:

- Reducing and removing dead and down forest fuels within these communities. Trees will be bucked into firewood and made available to residents.
- Thinning and pruning spruce trees to reduce the wildfire risk.
- FireSmart and fire prevention education initiatives.

