

FIRE BAN ORDER # 1 - 2025

RM of Great Bend #405

DATE: May 5/2025

WHEREAS, the RM of Great Bend #405 is under abnormally dry conditions; and

WHEREAS, the RM of Great Bend #405 has either sustained or been threatened with rural fires as of this date; and

WHEREAS, all available resources remain committed to protecting life and property; and

WHEREAS, the impact of fires could threaten the health, well-being, and safety of citizens in the RM of Great Bend #405; and

WHEREAS, the cost of response and the inordinate equipment wear may be far in excess of available Rural Municipality resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council and/or Administrator of the RM of Great Bend #405 declares an emergency and proclaims a Burn Ban for the RM of Great Bend #405 effective immediately during times when the RM of Great Bend Fire Danger Index is in the Very High or Extreme Index for the RM of Great Bend #405 and to remain in effect until further notice. **ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO WILLFULLY VIOLATES THIS BURN BAN IS GUILTY OF VIOLATING BYLAW 07-2018 AND IS SUBJECT TO PENALTIES AS PER THE GENERAL PENALTY BYLAW #05-2006.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this ban is applied to all open burning of any outdoor fire that may create a public safety hazard, including but not limited to:

- Prescribed burns commonly referred to as controlled burns
- Fireworks (except for professional commercial fireworks displays)
- Campfires
- Fire pits
- Fire rings

Open Burning does not include:

- Fireplaces within buildings
- Gas grills
- Fire training by professionally trained and authorized personnel

Effective May 5/2025, an individual who willfully violates this burning ban is guilty of **VIOLATING BYLAW 07-2018 AND IS SUBJECT TO PENALTIES AS PER THE GENERAL PENALTY BYLAW #05-2006.**

DATED at the RM OF GREAT BEND #405, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025

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ADMINISTRATOR  
*Tonia Darksen*