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Wood products not accepted at any County transfer stations

Yellowhead County would like to inform all county residents that wood and wood products will not be accepted at any county transfer stations due to the high wildfire hazard in our region. Residents are asked to keep any wood at their own properties until all the fire restrictions are lifted.

The County is unable to safely burn the wood piles at the transfer station at this time, and the build-up of fuel stockpiles creates a large fire hazard for wildfires.

“We need to make sure that we negate the hazards at our transfer stations as much as possible,” said Doug Brown, Utilities Supervisor. “The safety of our residents, and then our environment, are our biggest priorities.

The County and Alberta Sustainable Resource Development have already implemented fire permit restrictions within the County boundaries. No permits will be issued within the county’s jurisdiction for brush piles, transfer sites, field, grass or stubble burns. At this time, permits will continue to be issued for contained burns (burn barrels, campground fire pits). If there is no precipitation through the weekend, a complete ban will be issued early next week.

Yellowhead County operates 15 transfer stations throughout the county. The policy on dumping restrictions will remain in place for the rest of the season, so residents should check with the county prior to taking a load of wood to any transfer station. Please contact the County at 1-800-814-6030 for more information.

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