



*Silton Fire Department erects new sign*



On July 1, 2019 the Silton Fire Department erected a new fire hazard rating sign, similar to what are often seen at the entrances to national & provincial parks. The sign is at the entrance to Silton (Railway avenue and highway 322)

The sign is designed to raise awareness of the fire hazard within the Silton Fire Department area. Most of the municipalities (Village of Silton, Resort Village of Saskatchewan Beach, Resort Village of Kannata Valley, RM of McKillop and the RM of Longlaketon) within the Silton Fire District have bylaws that pertain to fire bans.

In general, when the fire hazard is extreme, a fire ban will generally be on, when the fire hazard is high, a fire ban is likely on or about to be, in the case of low or moderate ratings there is usually no fire ban (although care must always be taken when having outdoor fires).

If a fire ban is in place it applies to all outdoor Class A fires (campfires, wood fires, burning of garbage and fields). A fire ban generally does not affect outdoor class B fires (propane or natural gas BBQs, propane or natural gas fire pits). This is because a Class A fire has sparks and embers which can spread fires, Class B fires do not have sparks or embers. So, if a fire ban is on you cannot have an outdoor wood fire, but you could have an outdoor propane fire pit. Any time you have an outdoor fire (Class A or Class B) you need to make sure the fire has adequate clearance, an adult is present and that a means of extinguishing the fire is on hand. When you are finished with the fire (class A or B) you need to make sure the fire is out when you are done.

When the “Fire Ban Sign” is up, it means that one or more of the municipalities have enacted a fire ban. Most of the municipalities have bylaws in place that require the Fire Chief and the Mayor/Reeve to have agreed to the fire ban. It is important for residents to check with their municipality to see if they have a fire ban on. Fire bans are not enacted to ruin anyone’s weekend, rather to ensure the safety of the communities. It is easier to prevent a fire than it is to put out a fire.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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