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Importance: High

Hi Everyone!

I want to make you aware of two key changes related to provincial burn restrictions during wildfire season. **Both changes are effective today, May 16.**

From March 15 to October 15, daily burn restrictions are in place to help prevent wildfires. Under these restrictions, burning is not permitted between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. Each day at 2 p.m., the [BurnSafe map](#) is updated to show the daily restrictions. People can also call 1-855-564-2876 (BURN) for this information.

FINE INCREASE

The Province has just announced that the fine for violating the daily burn restrictions has been increased to \$25,000 for this wildfire season.

The fine amounts are set in the [Summary Offence Ticket Regulations](#). The \$25,000 fine also includes HST and a victim surcharge, bringing the total to \$28,872.50.

Conservation officers, police and other law enforcement officers can issue the fine on the spot in the form of a summary offence ticket.

CAMPGROUNDS

The Province also announced that the daily burn restrictions apply to provincial, municipal and private campgrounds this wildfire season.

That means open fires (like campfires) are not allowed from 8 am to 2 pm and people need to check the [BurnSafe map](#) to see restrictions for the rest of the day.

Devices like gas stoves and charcoal briquette barbeques can be used anytime, following manufacturer's instructions.

National parks are under the jurisdiction of Parks Canada. Questions about any burning in national parks should be directed to Parks Canada.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

These changes are in effect via a proclamation under the [Forests Act](#):
https://novascotia.ca/natr/forestprotection/wildfire/fire-proclamation_2024-05-15.pdf

You can see the news release here: <https://news.novascotia.ca/en/2024/05/16/large-increase-fine-illegal-burning-during-wildfire-season>

Please share this information within your networks and through your social media platforms.

Thanks, folks.

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