

Fire Update Report

September 9, 2024

The Manitoba Wildfire Service advises that today's fire danger is moderate across the province, except for the western edge where it remains in high to extreme fire danger. Potential remains for lightning and human caused wildfires.

There are 65 active wildfires currently burning in Manitoba. There have been 291 wildfires to date, Manitoba's 20-year average is 356 wildfires to date. Of the total fires in 2024, 103 have been human caused.

Manitoba is receiving assistance from other jurisdictions during this fire season. There are currently 21 personnel from Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, PEI and New Brunswick assisting in wildfire operations.

Visit [Manitoba's Wildfire Service webpage](#) for up-to-date information.

FireSmart Tip:

Xeriscaping is a FireSmart method of gardening that doesn't sacrifice beauty to conserve water.

In addition to using less water, a xeriscape garden requires less weeding, fertilizing, pruning, mowing and pesticides.

To know more <https://ow.ly/jMBt50SuluJ>

Current Fires of Note

Eastern Region: N/A

Western Region:

WE032

Cause: Lightning

Size: approx. 36,000 ha

Ignition Date: July 20, 2024

Location: 27 km east of Pukatawagan

Fire Status: Out of Control

Notes: Smoke may be an issue in the community of Pukatawagan depending on wind direction. Value protection has been set up on values at risk within the vicinity of this fire. Crews continue to make good progress extinguishing hot spots detected from scanning operations.

Northern Region:

NO038

Cause: Lightning

Size: 20,479 ha

Ignition Date: July 17, 2024

Location: 60 km NE of Thompson, 55 km W of Split Lake

Fire Status: Out of Control

Notes: Smoke may be seen and or cause reduced visibility along HWY 280. Crews continue to make good progress extinguishing hot spots detected from scanning operations.

Up to date information on road conditions in the effected area can be found at Manitoba511.ca.

Click here to view the [**Fire Situation Report**](#)

Current Air Quality Information

Wildfire smoke is causing or expected to cause very poor air quality and reduced visibility. Air quality and visibility due to wildfire smoke can fluctuate over short distances and can vary considerably from hour to hour.

Find air quality information: [Manitoba - Air Quality Health Index \(AQHI\) - Environment Canada \(weather.gc.ca\)](http://Manitoba - Air Quality Health Index (AQHI) - Environment Canada (weather.gc.ca))

Find origin of wildfire smoke: <https://firesmoke.ca/forecasts/current/>

Current Restriction Information

There are no fire or travel restrictions in effect at the current time in Manitoba however there may be times when high to extreme fire danger conditions require the Manitoba government to [implement fire and travel restrictions within the province](#).

Manitoba Emergency Management Organization (EMO) continues to support wildfire response activities in collaboration with provincial and federal partners, including Manitoba Wildfire Service. Manitoba EMO will continue to monitor the situation and provide support as required to local authorities.

Provincial burning permits are required for outdoor fires set within the burn permit area from April 1 to Nov. 15 annually. Permits are available at provincial district offices. Provincial burn permits issued under the Wildfires Act may be cancelled or restricted on short notice if fire danger conditions warrant. The province will not issue burning permits for areas where municipalities have implemented burning restrictions. To check for municipal burning restrictions, visit https://gov.mb.ca/wildfire/burn_conditions.html.

For more information, contact a local municipality or a Natural Resources office. Burn permit holders should check weather conditions, have adequate suppression equipment, and ensure proper fuel breaks are in place before burning. Never leave an outdoor fire unattended, always extinguish it before leaving and exercise caution around forested areas.

For Manitoba Wildfire Service situation updates, restrictions, and other important wildfire links, visit <https://gov.mb.ca/wildfire/>. To report a wildfire, call 911 or the TIP line (toll-free) at 1-800-782-0076.

Manitobans can play a critical role in mitigating the wildfire risk around their properties through FireSmart activities: <https://firesmartcanada.ca/>.