



Saskatchewan Environment Protocol For Providing Assistance On Municipal Fires

- On an annual basis, Saskatchewan Environment (S.E.) officials will contact rural municipalities prior to the forest fire season to discuss fire safety, emergency planning, determine available suppression resources, establish contact lists and advise under what conditions fire suppression assistance will be provided.
- Rural municipalities will, on an annual basis, provide a list to Saskatchewan Environment indicating the RM officials who have delegated authority to request fire suppression assistance.
- If a rural municipality requires assistance to suppress a fire, an appointed official will contact the local Forest Protection Officer (FPO) or Regional Duty Officer (RDO). The RM official is required to provide information about the location of the fire, resources available, person in charge, how to contact this person and what values are being threatened. When possible, requests are made in writing using the Request for suppression Assistance form and faxed to the FPO at the time of the request; however, all verbal requests will be recorded and followed up with a written copy.
- The Forest Protection Officer will advise if assistance can be provided by local SE staff and will forward the request to the RDO when air tankers are required. Forest Protection Officer or Duty Officer will advise RM official that assistance will be provided on a cost recovery basis and that the municipality will retain control over the management of the fire. If known, cost of the proposed suppression assistance will be provided to the RM official at the time of the request.
- Decision to provide assistance will be based upon Saskatchewan Environment's ability to action the fire without jeopardizing their mandated wildfire responsibilities. Notwithstanding, an imminent threat to life or a community anywhere within Saskatchewan receives priority consideration.
- The provincial duty officer will create a cost recovery file for each incident involving support to a fire within rural municipality.
- Cost recovery will include all costs associated with controlling and extinguishing a specific fire while in Saskatchewan Environment is operationally engaged.
- The municipality shall provide written notice of release when the services of Saskatchewan Environment are no longer required.



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Request for Fire Suppression Assistance From Saskatchewan Environment (S.E.)

Date: _____ Time: _____

Location Of Fire: (legal or lat. and long): _____

Land Owner/Lessee: _____

List Values Threatened/Any Evacuations/Hwy Closures: _____

List Resources On Fire: _____

List Hazards to Be Aware Of: _____

Contact Person(s) On Fire: (title and phone/radio number): _____

Type Of Suppression Resources Requested:	Air tankers	_____
	Helicopter	_____
	Personnel	_____
	Equipment	_____
	Other	_____

Estimated Size of Fire: _____

Fire Behavior/Fuel Type: _____

Suppression Assistance Requested By: (print and sign) _____

Title of Person Making Request: _____

Official Name of Requesting Agency: _____

Local Authority Contacts: (names, titles and contact numbers)

Note:

- Assistance will be provided based on availability of resources.
- The local authority will retain the responsibility of fire boss/incident commander on the fire unless turned over to Sask. Environment in writing.
- If air support or rotary support is required S.E. staff will be in control of air operations until released
- Full cost recovery will be considered for all fires.

CONTACT NUMBERS

TO REPORT A FIRE CALL THE FIREWATCH NUMBER AT: 1 – 800 – 667 – 9660
OR CALL YOUR LOCAL FOREST PROTECTION OFFICE.

After calling fax this request form to the Forest Protection Officer (FPO) or Regional Duty Officer (RDO) closest to your location.

Dorintosh/Meadow Lake	phone: 236 – 7696	fax: 236 - 7679
Big River	phone: 469 – 2500	fax: 469 - 4511
Prince Albert	phone: 953 – 3422	fax: 953 - 3413
Fishing Lake/Smeaton	phone: 426 – 2600	fax: 426 - 2614
Hudson Bay	phone: 865 – 4440	fax: 865 - 4505
N. Battleford/Saskatoon/Yorkton	phone: 933 – 6543	fax: 933 - 8442
Swift Current/Regina/Estevan	phone: 778 - 8453	fax: 778 - 8212

If you would like additional information on the process involved in receiving suppression assistance from Saskatchewan Environment give your closest Forest Protection Officer or Regional Duty Officer a call.

Provincial Aircraft Rates

CL-215 (skimmer) air tankers	\$2,850.00/hour	\$75.00/drop of foam
Tracker (retardant) air tankers	\$825.00/hour	\$1,000.00/drop of retardant
Bird Dog aircraft	\$200.00/hour	
Helicopter	\$900.00 - \$2,500.00/hour	

\$1.43 per gallon of mixed retardant dropped is charged if out of province aircraft are used as well as their hourly rates.

These rates are intended to give approximate costs that would apply if aircraft are utilized on a cost recovery fire. Rates may vary from year to year.

Be Prepared

If A Wildfire Does Threaten Your Community

Have A Plan In Place To Deal With The

Emergency