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Safe practices urged for brush pile burning in Greenview

Valleyview, Alberta

In Northern Alberta, the practice of brush pile burning typically commences in the fall, providing farmers with a means to dispose of agricultural debris safely. However, recent incidents in DeBolt have raised significant concerns for residents. A recent brush pile burning led to severe smoke settling in the hamlet and surrounding areas, substantially deteriorating air quality for several days. Additionally, another incident saw brush pile fires escaping containment, evolving into a wildfire that necessitated a multi-station firefighter response for control and extinguishment.

Regional Fire Chief Wayne Brown emphasizes, “While most individuals conducting brush pile burns are knowledgeable and cautious, lapses in following proper procedures can lead to serious issues.” It is imperative for anyone planning to burn brush piles to thoroughly understand and adhere to provincial guidelines, ensuring a safe and controlled process.

Chief Brown further advises, “We encourage those planning a burn to consult with us. Our team is ready to offer guidance and recommendations for a safe and effective burn.”

For detailed information on safe burning practices and provincial guidelines, please visit Alberta's Safe Burning Guidelines. <https://www.alberta.ca/safe-burning#brush-piles-and-windrows>

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