



PROCLAMATION

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

October 5 - 11, 2025

- WHEREAS: Smoky Lake County, Alberta is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our County; and
- WHEREAS: fire remains a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and the presence of lithium-ion batteries in many household devices introduces unique fire risks; and
- WHEREAS: most of the electronics used in homes daily — including smartphones, tablets, laptops, power tools, e-bikes, e-scooters, and toys — are powered by lithium-ion batteries, which if misused, damaged, or improperly charged, can overheat, start a fire, or explode; and
- WHEREAS: residents should follow three key calls to action: Buy only listed products, charge batteries safely, and recycle them responsibly to prevent battery-related fires; and
- WHEREAS: lithium-ion batteries store a large amount of energy in a small space, and improper use such as overcharging, using off-brand chargers without safety certification, or exposing batteries to damage can result in fire or explosion; and
- WHEREAS: the proper disposal and recycling of lithium-ion batteries help prevent environmental hazards and reduce fire risks in the home and community; and
- WHEREAS: Smoky Lake County's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and
- WHEREAS: the 2025 Fire Prevention Week™ theme, "Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home," serves to remind us of the importance of using, charging, and recycling lithium-ion batteries safely to reduce the risk of fires in homes and communities.
- NOW THEREFORE: I, Reeve, Jered Serben of Smoky Lake County do hereby proclaim October 5 - 11, 2025, as Fire Prevention Week throughout the County, and I urge all residents to ensure their homes have working smoke alarms.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Serben", is written over a horizontal blue line.

Smoky Lake County Reeve