



# EXTENSION FIRE DEPARTMENT

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# PUBLIC NOTICE

## Backyard Burning Restrictions

Effective at **noon on April 15<sup>th</sup>** and until midnight October 31st, Category 1 and 2 open fires are again permitted throughout the Coastal Fire Centre. However until October 31<sup>st</sup> you are required to register **ALL** fires category 1, 2, & 3, within the Extension Fire Protection District, **excluding CAMPFIRES**. All category 3 permits must also have a burning reference number issued by the Ministry Of Forests. If you require a copy of our burning regulations you can pick up a copy at the Fire Hall on Tuesday evenings between 7 – 9PM.



Registrations are free of charge; you must register your burn with a **minimum of 24 hours prior** to igniting. To register your burn contact the Extension Fire Department **250-754-3235** and leave a message with your address, size of pile, and type of material.

- **Category 1** – Fire piles no bigger than 1M(3FT) in height x 1M(3FT) in width
- **Category 2** – Fire piles no bigger than 2M(6FT) in height x 3M(10FT) in width
- **Campfires and Burning Barrels with Screen** – DO NOT REQUIRE REGISTRATION –

Any person starting or maintaining a fire must follow the open burning smoke control regulation, BC Reg. 145/93, and the open burning smoke control code of practice as defined in that regulation.

Please note that the Fire Chief or Officer may withhold or cancel any registered burn where, in their opinion, the igniting of a fire may create a hazard or nuisance to persons or property, and the Fire Chief or an Officer may extinguish or order the extinguishment of any fire that is causing nuisance to persons, or any fire started with or without permit to do so.

Please watch for future notices, as fire season continues Fire Bans will follow depending on conditions.

To report a wildfire or unattended campfire call **1-800-663-5555** or **\*5555** on cell networks.

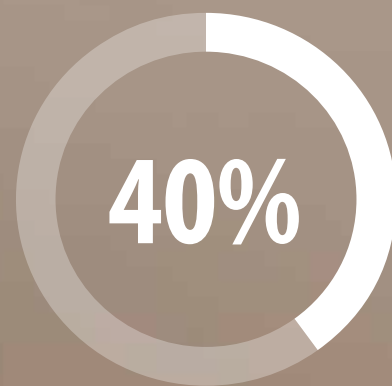
Thank you,  
Extension Fire Department  
[www.extensionfire.ca](http://www.extensionfire.ca)

### Burning of the following is prohibited:

- demolition waste
- construction materials
- tar paper
- asphalt products
- drywall
- domestic waste
- treated lumber
- tires
- rubber
- paint
- fuel and lubricant containers
- plastics
- railway ties

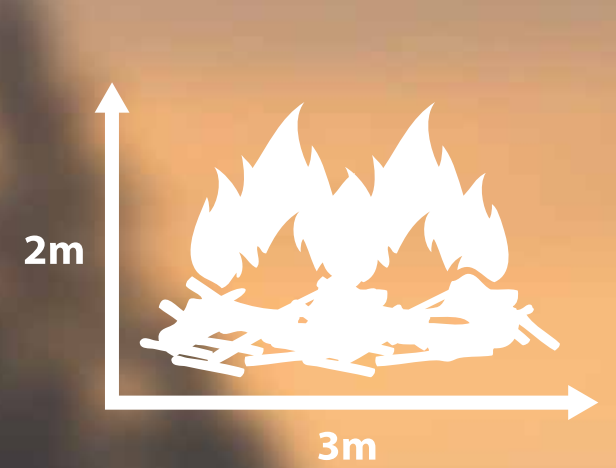
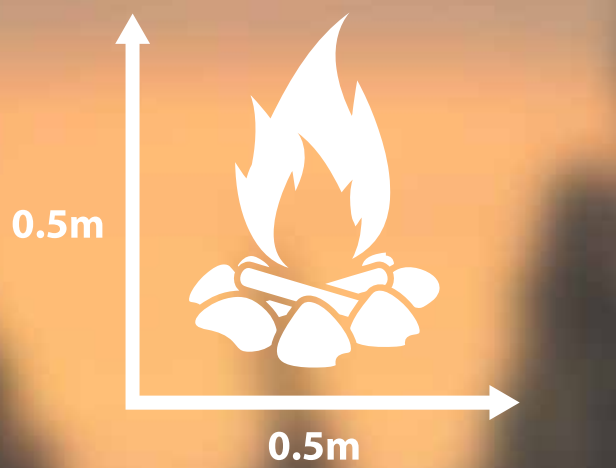
To report a burning complaint please call 24 hours: **250-755-4569**

# OPEN FIRE REGULATIONS



40% of B.C. wildfires are human-caused and therefore preventable

## CAMPFIRES, CATEGORY 2 FIRES AND CATEGORY 3 FIRES: WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?



### CAMPFIRE:

- Any fire smaller than 0.5 metres high by 0.5 metres wide

#### REGULATIONS:



You must have ready access to 8 litres of water or a shovel for the entire time your campfire is lit.



Your campfire must be completely extinguished and the ashes must be cool to the touch before leaving the area for any length of time. (Hot coals can reignite the fire.)



During campfire prohibitions, only a CSA- or ULC-approved portable campfire apparatus may be used, and the flame height must not exceed 15 centimetres.



You must build a fire guard around your campfire.

### CATEGORY 2 FIRE:

- 1 to 2 concurrently burning piles no larger than 2 metres high by 3 metres wide
- Stubble or grass burning over an area less than 0.2 hectares

#### REGULATIONS:



A fuel break must be established around any Category 2 burn area.



Fireworks are banned when a Category 2 fire prohibition is in effect.



Burning barrels are banned when a Category 2 fire prohibition is in effect.



At least one person equipped with a fire-fighting hand tool must monitor the fire at all times.

### CATEGORY 3 FIRE:

- Any fire larger than 2 metres high by 3 metres wide
- 3 or more concurrently burning piles no larger than 2 metres high by 3 metres wide
- 1 or more burning windrows
- Stubble or grass burning over an area greater than 0.2 hectares

#### REGULATIONS:



A fuel break must be established around any Category 3 burn area.



Monitor your open burn to ensure that the fire doesn't spread beyond its intended size.



You must have a burn registration number to light a Category 3 open fire. Call the burn registration line **1 888 797-1717** to obtain one.

## GENERAL REGULATIONS:



Never burn in strong wind conditions.



Your fire must be extinguished before leaving the area.



Always keep your fire a safe distance away from nearby branches, wood and other combustible materials.



Do not conduct Category 2 or Category 3 burns when venting conditions are "Poor" or "Fair". Always check here first: [www.bcairquality.ca/readings/ventilation-index.html](http://www.bcairquality.ca/readings/ventilation-index.html)

\*Further bans and restrictions can be implemented at the BC Wildfire Service's discretion.



Anyone found in contravention of an open fire prohibition may be fined up to \$1,150. If your fire escapes and results in a wildfire, you may be fined anywhere from \$100,000 to \$1 million and be sentenced to one year in prison. Please check with local government authorities for any other restrictions before lighting any open fire.

Please report wildfires by calling **\*5555 or 1 800 663-5555**.