

## **Fire Ban in Effect for All Open Burning Starting July 12, 2024**

Effective July 12, 2024, at noon, all open burning is banned throughout the Coastal Fire Centre, which includes the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN). The ban applies to open fires of any size, campfires, fireworks, sky lanterns, tiki torches, burn barrels and cages, binary exploding targets and chimineas (outdoor stoves that use wood as a fuel source). These bans apply to all public and private land and are in place until October 31, 2024, or until the order is rescinded by BC Wildfire Service.

The ban does not apply to cooking stoves that use gas, propane or briquettes, or to portable campfire devices with a CSA or ULC rating using briquettes, liquid or gaseous fuel that do not produce a flame longer than 15 centimetres. Portable campfire devices that do not meet these conditions are prohibited.

To help residents access fire services-related information, the RDN has a Fire Protection and Open Burning Regulations [interactive map](#). The online tool shows residents which fire department provides fire protection services in their area and also provides useful links to burning bylaws, venting index information and the Province's website for the most up-to-date information on fire bans and restrictions. To access the fire services map as well as other interactive RDN maps for zoning, parks and trails, utilities, active permits and more, visit [rdn.bc.ca/gis-mapping](http://rdn.bc.ca/gis-mapping).



Get FireSmart! Learn how to protect your home from wildfire by taking action and creating a FireSmart property. You can easily increase the resistance of your home and property to damage caused by wildfire. Changes you can make to your home and the areas closest to it, will have the greatest potential to reduce the risk of wildfire damage. Simple actions to take include regular yard maintenance, using non-combustible or fire-resistant building materials, reducing debris near buildings and choosing fire-resistant plants and trees. Click [here](#) to download the FireSmart BC Homeowner's Manual. To learn more about FireSmart best practices to help protect your family, property and community from wildfire, visit [FireSmartBC.ca](http://FireSmartBC.ca).

For information on wildfires in B.C., residents can check the [BC Wildfire Map](#) or follow BC Wildfire Service on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). For updates on fire weather and smoke across Canada, visit [firesmoke.ca](http://firesmoke.ca). To report a wildfire, call 1-800-663-5555 or \*5555 on a mobile phone.

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