

New Evacuation Order and Alert for the Wesley Ridge Wildfire

Due to changing conditions, a new evacuation order and a new evacuation alert have been issued for additional properties due to the Wesley Ridge wildfire. The order and alert including a map and list of addresses can be viewed at rdn.bc.ca/current-alerts. Emergency responders are notifying those impacted directly.

All Wesley Ridge Wildfire evacuees are asked to register online at ess.gov.bc.ca or at the Qualicum Beach Civic Centre reception centre once they have safely left the evacuation areas. This is where evacuees can receive and access information, resources and eligible support. Evacuees are asked to contact their insurance providers. Most home and tenant's insurance providers cover living expenses during evacuations. Residents and visitors affected by the orders and alerts can call the Emergency Operations Call Centre at 250-390-6538.

Residents are encouraged to sign up for emergency alerts to receive emergency alerts directly from the RDN through Voyent Alert, visit rdn.bc.ca/emergency-program.

For your safety, and the safety of Wesley Ridge wildfire response crews, stay out of the area of the fire response. Please do not go on Cameron Lake, operate drones, enter the area on foot or stop on the highway. As Horne Lake and Spider Lake are being used as water sources for ongoing air support, please remain near the shore or off these lakes and aware of helicopters that are active in the area.

Additional information and resources:

- To learn more about the RDN emergency program and how to be prepared and to sign up to receive emergency alerts directly from the RDN through Voyent Alert, visit rdn.bc.ca/emergency-program.
- To view a map of current wildfires and wildfire status: [BC Wildfires Map](#)
- For information on current fire bans and other prohibitions in the Coastal Fire Centre: [Coastal Fire Centre bans and restrictions](#)
- To report smoke or fires, call 1-800-663-5555 or *5555 or use the BCWS mobile app on your smart device.
- For accurate information on emergencies, response and recovery resources: [EmergencyInfoBC](#).
- For information on the status of highways: [DriveBC](#)
- For information on the Air Quality Health Index (AQHI): [Air Quality Health Index forecast for B.C.](#)
- For updates on fire weather and smoke across Canada: firesmoke.ca/
- To learn more about FireSmart BC and how to prepare your home and community for wildfire season: [FireSmart BC](#)


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Wildfire safety reminders:

- During a wildfire, it is likely smoke will be visible in surrounding areas. If it is smokey in your area, it is best to stay indoors and close your windows when possible.
- Avoid all areas near the wildfire, obey signage and give fire crews the space to work.
- The operation of any aircraft not associated with fire suppression activities, including drones and unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), near a wildfire is illegal. It also poses a serious threat to the safety of the fire crews.

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