
Current Evacuation Order and Alert Removed for the Wesley Ridge Wildfire

Effective August 16, 2025, at 6 p.m., the following are in effect:

- The Evacuation Order for 35 properties that were on order has been lifted
- The Evacuation Alert for 268 properties that were on alert has been lifted

We are pleased that the remaining residents can now return home thanks to the incredible work of the wildfire response team and those behind the scenes. Updates to the Evacuation Order and Alert areas are made based on recommendations from the BC Wildfire Service about wildfire activity. In addition, hazards caused by the fire and firefighting equipment that are still present in the area are also considered before updates are made. We ask that the public continue avoiding the areas damaged by the wildfire.

Reminders and Resources

- Returning home after a wildfire can be overwhelming. The area may look different and wildfire operations are still taking place. Re-entry information and links to resources are available to support residents affected by the Wesley Ridge Wildfire at rdn.bc.ca/wesleyridgewildfire.
- Please note the Resilience Centre and the Reception Centre are now closed. However, residents can access local or online supports at rdn.bc.ca/wesleyridgewildfire.
- Emergency Support Services have been extended until Monday, August 18 at 11 a.m. More information is available at rdn.bc.ca/wesleyridgewildfire
- View past order, alert, Q&A's and more at rdn.bc.ca/current-alerts or contact the RDN Emergency Operations Centre at 250-390-6538 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with any questions.
- Support is also available from the BC Mental Health Support Line at 310-6789.
- Evacuees can reach out to BC Hydro at 1 800 BCHYDRO (1 800 224 9376) to determine if there was a loss of power at their home.

Additional Information and Resources

- Returning home after a wildfire – [BC Wildfire Service](#)
- To sign up for emergency alerts from the RDN through Voyent Alert, visit rdn.bc.ca/emergency-alerts
- 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 for wildfire season: [FireSmart BC](#)

Lake Reminders

- Cameron Lake, Horne Lake and Spider Lake are being utilized for water bucketing. People on or in the lakes need to stay close to shore to allow for helicopter access to pick up water.
- Horne Lake boat launch remains closed.

Park Reminders

- Meadowood Community Park remains closed.
- Please visit rdn.bc.ca/parks-trails-alerts for an up-to-date status of RDN parks and trails.

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 where the wildfire occurred as hazards may exist.

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