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Fire Prevention Week October 5 – 11, 2025

Fire Prevention Week is a nationwide event that encourages Canadians to take the time to learn how they can stay safe in case of a fire. This year's theme "Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home" strives to better educate the public how to buy, charge and dispose of lithium-ion batteries safely. The campaign highlights how important it is to buy, charge and recycle safely when it comes to lithium-ion batteries.

Tips for using lithium-ion batteries include:

- **Buy only listed products.** When buying a product that uses a lithium-ion battery, look for a safety certification mark such as UL, ETL or CSA. This means it meets important safety standards.
- **Charge devices safely.** Always use the cords that came with the product to charge. Follow the instructions from the manufacturer. Buy new chargers from the manufacturer or one that the manufacturer has approved. Charge your device on a hard surface. Don't overcharge your device. Unplug it or remove the battery when it's fully charged.
- **Recycle batteries responsibly.** Don't throw lithium-ion batteries in the trash or regular recycling bins because they could start a fire. Recycle your device or battery at a safe battery recycling location. Visit call2recycle.ca to find a recycling spot near you.

During Fire Prevention Week, many fire departments across the region are hosting free events for residents to learn how to reduce injuries and deaths caused by fires in their homes, including demonstrations and fun activities for children. Residents can use the RDN's Fire Protection [interactive map](#) to see which fire department serves their area. Residents are encouraged to visit their local fire department's website and social media pages or contact them directly to find out what activities are happening during Fire Prevention Week.

RDN-operated fire departments, Nanoose Fire Department and Coombs-Hilliers Volunteer Fire Department, will be hosting the following activities during Fire Prevention Week:

- Firefighters from the Nanoose Fire Department will be going to the local elementary school to discuss lithium-ion batteries. Many toys and games require them and knowing their disadvantages will be covered. Other topics include replacing batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

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- Firefighters from Coombs-Hilliers Volunteer Fire Department (CHVFD) will join the Qualicum Beach Fire Rescue at Qualicum Beach Elementary School and Arrowsmith Elementary School for fire prevention education. In addition, CHVFD will also be visiting Arrowsmith Independent School to educate about home safety, burn prevention and campfire safety/wildfire prevention.

For more information about Fire Prevention Week, visit nfpa.org/fpw. For fire services in the RDN, visit rdn.bc.ca/fire-services.

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