

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Nanaimo Fire Rescue Reminds Residents to be "Fire Smart" this Summer**

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#### **Summary**

With the arrival of summer weather it is also the beginning of the dry season. The staff at Nanaimo Fire Rescue would like to remind residents to be aware of the Extreme fire risk rating in Nanaimo.

Residents are asked to be vigilant. Most of the brush fires that occur within the City are the result of human carelessness, in the form of poorly discarded cigarettes either thrown from a car window or not properly extinguished in an ashtray. In addition, there has been a marked increase in bark mulch fires.

*Strategic Link:* The City of Nanaimo is committed to Public Safety.

#### **Key Points**

- Do not discard smoking materials from vehicles. Use the interior ashtrays.
- Always make sure you extinguish your smoking materials
- Never dispose of a cigarette anywhere but in an ashtray or other proper receptacle.
- Stay informed. Listen to the Fire Hazard warnings.

#### **Quotes**

"Due to extreme dryness and careless smoking the fire department is responding to an increased number of planter and brush fires. Be careful and ensure any smoking materials are properly extinguished."

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