



1. RESIDENTIAL BACKYARD BURNING

Backyard Burning is banned in the City of Nanaimo.

EXCEPTIONS TO THE BACKYARD BURNING BAN

Burning will be permitted on Protection Island and City lots one (1) acre or larger under the following conditions:

- Burning is only permitted sunrise to sunset, Fridays and Saturdays, during the months of April and November.
- Only organic yard waste materials such as garden refuse and prunings may be burned.
- **A burning permit is required.** A permit can be obtained on designated burning days by calling the Nanaimo Fire Rescue Department at 753-7311.
- The permittee shall keep a competent person at all times in charge of such fire until such time as the fire is completely extinguished.
- Fires shall not exceed 1.5 meters across in size; shall be hand fed and shall be located at least 3 meters from any combustibles.
- Burning of wooden construction material, stumps, land clearing materials/debris or household garbage is **not** permitted.

2. RESIDENTIAL COOKING FIRES

Section 30(7) of Bylaw 7108 Permit Requirements shall not apply to outdoor cooking fires, provided the fire is contained to a device or fixture designed for containing the fire and not exceeding 24 inches in diameter. The fire may only utilize clean, dry wood or briquettes and may not exceed two hours in duration. (Bylaw 7108)

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There are no restrictions for the use of outdoor cooking appliances such as barbecues, grills or smokers which are fuelled by a liquid (i.e. naphtha, kerosene), a gas (i.e. propane, natural gas), a solid (charcoal) or electricity.

The uses of portable campfire devices or fixed campfire devices which are fuelled by propane or natural gas are permitted.

3. LAND CLEARING BURNING

The burning of debris from land clearing is PROHIBITED in the City of Nanaimo.

4. OFFENSIVE SMOKE AND ASH (Applicable to ALL Fires)

Section 29(3) of Bylaw 7108 States - *Where, in the opinion of the Fire Chief, adverse atmospheric conditions do not permit, or are not conducive to, the ready dissipation of smoke, the Fire Chief may impose a general ban on all Open Burning for the duration of the said adverse condition.*

5. FORESTRY FIRE RISK NUMBER

When the forestry rating is from 1 to 4, burning in an approved device or fixture will be allowed as per the above regulations. When the forestry risk rating is 5, no open wood-burning fires of any kind will be permitted.