

NEWS RELEASE

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City reminds residents that backyard burning is banned except by permit

Residents encouraged to review all conditions of Fire Bylaw

Summary

The City of Nanaimo's Fire Rescue wishes to remind residents that backyard burning is banned except by permit. To obtain a permit, specific conditions must be met. The City encourages residents who are planning a backyard burn to familiarize themselves with the Fire Bylaw and the required conditions to obtain a permit.

Strategic Link: By regulating burning in the City of Nanaimo, the impact to the environment is minimized therefore supporting the Environmental Responsibility pillar in the City's strategic plan.

Key Points

- Burning permits may be issued for an open burning fire on a lot that is one acre in size or greater OR lots located on Protection Island.
- Burning is only permitted from 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.
- Burning of wooden construction material, stumps, land clearing materials/debris or household garbage is not permitted.
- 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.

Quotes

"We are seeing an increase in the number of complaints regarding illegal backyard burning and would like to remind residents of the burning regulations in effect. "

Ennis Mond
Chief Fire Prevention Officer
Nanaimo Fire Rescue

Quick Facts

- Tending an open fire is an important responsibility. Anyone issued a burning permit must ensure a competent person is at all times in charge of the fire until it is completely extinguished.
- A burning permit can be obtained by calling Nanaimo Fire Rescue at 250-753-7311.

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