

NEWS RELEASE

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Open fires to be prohibited in the City of Nanaimo

Burning Ban in effect noon on July 6th

Summary

The Province of British Columbia has placed a ban on campfires. The City of Nanaimo will follow suit with a complete burning ban (including cooking fires) effective Thursday July 6th, 2017, beginning at noon.

The following are permitted:

Cooking devices fueled by propane, natural gas, naphtha, kerosene, charcoal briquettes or electricity such as barbecues, grills, smokers, portable or fixed campfire devices. It is important to ensure briquettes are fully extinguished after use.

Strategic Link: The City of Nanaimo is committed to public safety.

Key Points

- The province has placed a ban on all open fires in the Coastal Fire Centre's jurisdiction, with the exception of Haida Gwaii and the area known as the "Fog Zone"
- With continued hot dry weather, the City is continuously responding to small accidental fires.
- Residents are also encouraged to use extreme caution when extinguishing smoking related materials.

Quotes

"With hotter weather comes an increased risk of any fire spreading quickly. It is important for residents to be vigilant in fire safety and to report all fires immediately by calling 911."

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