

NEWS RELEASE

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Burning Ban Lifted

Following Province Lifting Campfire Ban

Summary

The Coastal Fire Centre has issued an information bulletin indicating that, with the recent rains and cooler weather patterns Central Vancouver Island has been experiencing, effective noon September 18, 2017, campfires will be permitted throughout the Coastal Fire Area.

Although the campfire ban has been lifted, the City of Nanaimo bylaw remains in effect which does not allow open burning within City limits. Outdoor cooking fires are permitted on private property, provided the fire is contained in 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 and be used for cooking food.

Despite the fact we are experiencing cooler and damper weather, Nanaimo Fire Rescue would like to remind the public to please safely and properly discard cigarettes and smoking related materials.

If you see smoke or signs of fire, please do not hesitate to call 9-1-1. For more information on City of Nanaimo Burning bylaw visit fire.nanaimo.ca or call the non-emergency line at (250)753-7311.

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

Key Points

- The Province has lifted the campfire ban for Vancouver Island
- The City of Nanaimo is advising residents that small contained cooking fires are permitted. Open backyard burning is not allowed.

Quotes

"The majority of small accidental fires in planters and grassy areas are caused by carelessly discarded cigarettes. Please continue to safely and properly discard smoking related materials and report any fire activity quickly."

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