

NEWS RELEASE

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Stay safe for Halloween and Guy Fawkes Night

Bonfire Permits required for both evenings

Summary

The City of Nanaimo Fire Rescue Department would like to inform residents that a Bonfire Permit is required for Halloween on October 31st and for Guy Fawkes Night on November 5th 2017. These are one-time special event permits and separate applications are required for each event. In addition, residents need to be aware that the sale, possession, and discharge of fireworks is strictly prohibited.

The regulations for the bonfires, and application forms can only be filled out and submitted in person to 580 Fitzwilliam Street. Deadline is Tuesday October 31st at noon for Halloween and Noon on Friday November 3rd for Guy Fawkes. Fees for these one time only special event permits have been waived.

We would also like to remind everyone that Halloween is a fun, and spooky time of year for kids. If children are wearing a mask, make sure they can see, give children a flashlight or glow stick so they can also be seen.

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

Key Points

- A Special Event Bonfire Permit is required for Halloween on October 31st and Guy Fawkes on November 5th. Fees have been waived. Permits must be submitted by noon October 31st and noon November 3rd.
- The sale, transportation and discharging of fireworks within the City of Nanaimo is strictly prohibited, and subject to fines.
- Keep trick-or-treaters safe by ensuring they can see out of their masks and carry a flashlight or glow stick. Also, don't forget to change your batteries in your working smoke alarm this weekend as the clocks go backwards.

Quotes

"If you plan on taking part in Halloween festivities, please stay safe and ensure you have the proper permits in place."

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Fire Prevention Officer
Nanaimo Fire Rescue

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