

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Residents reminded backyard burning is banned except by permit

#### Summary

Nanaimo Fire Rescue reminds residents that backyard burning is banned except by permit. 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. A charged hose or a bucket of water must be located nearby and at the ready to extinguish fire should it be necessary.

#### Quotes

"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."

Umesh Lal  
Fire Prevention Officer  
Nanaimo Fire Rescue

#### Quick Facts

- Residents are reminded to review the Fire Bylaw by visiting [fire.nanaimo.ca](http://fire.nanaimo.ca) to see if they meet the specific conditions to obtain a burn permit.
- A burning permit can be obtained by calling Nanaimo Fire Rescue at (250) 753-7311.

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