

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Be "Fire Smart" this summer

*With the arrival of hot weather, it is also the beginning of the dry season.*

#### Summary

Nanaimo Fire Rescue staff is reminding residents to be aware of the increased fire risk to the community that occurs with the warm weather. The Hazard Rating will be going up and residents are encouraged to be aware and vigilant. Most brush fires that occur within the City of Nanaimo are the result of human carelessness, often in the form of poorly discarded smoking materials either thrown from a car window or not properly extinguished.

*Strategic Link:* Taking responsibility to be an excellent municipal government; Public Safety.

#### Key Points

- Nanaimo Fire Rescue encourages the community to be "Fire Smart" this summer and continue to be aware and vigilant of the upcoming dry season.
- Most brush fires occur in the city due to human carelessness for poorly discarded smoking materials, or not properly extinguished.
- As BBQ season is here, maintain your BBQ prior to using, be aware of your clearances near combustibles, and never leave your BBQ unattended while cooking.

#### Quotes

"Keep your community and family safe by being "Fire smart" this summer. Call 9-1-1 to report a fire."

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Continued... Be "Fire Smart" this summer

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