

NEWS RELEASE

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Burning Ban Lifted

Province Lifts 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 area has been experiencing, effective immediately, 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 to 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.

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 smoking 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.
- The City of Nanaimo is advising residents that small contained cooking fires are allowed. Open backyard burning is not allowed.

Quotes

"The majority of small accidental fires are caused by poorly discarded smoking materials. Please continue to safely and properly discard your smoking materials and report any fire activity by calling 911 quickly."

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