

NEWS RELEASE

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Campfire ban lifted in City of Nanaimo

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, campfires are now 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 the weather has shifted to cool and damp, Nanaimo Fire Rescue would like to remind the public to please safely and properly discard smoking materials. Residents are encouraged to call 9-1-1 if they see smoke or signs of fire. For more information on the City of Nanaimo burning bylaw, visit the Fire Rescue page at www.nanaimo.ca or call the non-emergency line at 250-753-7311.

Strategic Link: The City of Nanaimo is committed to Livability to support an inclusive, healthy, safe and desirable place to live.

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

"Remember to keep your outdoor cooking fires on private property in a device not more than 2 feet in diameter for less than 2 hours. Also, please continue to safely discard any smoking materials to prevent accidental fires."

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