

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Nanaimo Fire Service issues full ban on open fires**

*Open fires prohibited as of noon Thursday*

#### **Summary**

Following a Provincial order, the City of Nanaimo will be prohibiting open fires effective noon Thursday, June 8th.

With hotter weather comes an increased risk of fire spreading quickly. It is important for residents to be vigilant in fire safety and to report all fires immediately by calling 911.

Solid fuel fires, such as wood fires, produce embers that can be extremely dangerous when combined with hot, dry, windy conditions.

The following devices are permitted for cooking and heating: cooking devices fuelled by propane, natural gas, naphtha, kerosene, charcoal briquettes or electricity such as barbecues, grills, smokers or portable or fixed devices. Ensure that barbecue briquettes are fully extinguished after use.

Park and trail users are reminded that smoking and fires are not permitted in City parks or on City trails.

*Strategic Link:* Strategic Link: Fire bans support public safety and contribute to a Liveable community.

#### **Key Points**

- The ban is enacted because of high temperatures and no rain in the immediate weather forecast.
- This fire ban applies to all outdoor fires, except for those permitted options listed.
- Failing to adhere to fire bans and restrictions can lead to serious fines and penalties.

#### **Quotes**

""The hot, dry weather we have been experiencing has created conditions that are prime for wildfires. Residents are reminded that just one spark can ignite a wildfire. Please take all precautions to make sure everyone has a safe summer.""

Tim Doyle  
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