



Pender Harbour Fire Protection District

OPEN FIRES ARE PROHIBITED (EXCEPT CAMPFIRES)

EFFECTIVE

noon (Pacific time) on Friday May 17, 2024

And until further notice within the boundaries of the Pender Harbour Fire Protection District

Effective at noon Pacific time on Friday May 17, 2024 most open burning activities will be prohibited throughout the Pender Harbour Fire Protection District's jurisdiction, although campfires will still be allowed. This prohibition is being enacted to help reduce wildfire risk and protect public safety.

Category 2 and Category 3 open fire will be prohibited throughout the Pender Harbour Fire Protection District's jurisdiction.

This prohibition applies to all public and private land, unless specified otherwise (e.g., in a local government bylaw). People are asked to check with local government authorities for any other restrictions before lighting any fire.

Specifically, this prohibition applies to:

"category 2 open fire" which means an open fire, other than a category 1 campfire, that

1. burns material in one pile not exceeding 2 m in height and 3 m in width,
2. burns material concurrently in 2 piles each not exceeding 2 m in height and 3 m in width,
or
3. burns stubble or grass over an area that does not exceed 0.2 ha.

"category 3 open fire" which means an open fire that burns

1. material concurrently in 3 or more piles each not exceeding 2 m in height and 3 m in width,
2. material in one or more piles each exceeding 2 m in height or 3 m in width,
3. one or more windrows, each not exceeding 200 m in length or 15 m in width,
stubble or grass over an area exceeding 0.2 ha.

Also prohibited are the activities listed below (*Wildfire Act, Section 12*):

Fireworks;
Sky Lanterns;
Binary Exploding Targets;
Burn Barrels or Burn Cages of any size or description; and,
Air Curtain Burners

The prohibition does not apply to campfires that are a half-metre high by a half-metre wide or smaller, or to cooking stoves that use gas, propane or briquettes. A poster explaining the different categories of open burning is available online at:

www.gov.bc.ca/openfireregs

Anyone lighting a campfire must maintain a fireguard by removing flammable debris from around the campfire area and have a hand tool or at least eight litres of water available nearby to properly extinguish the fire.

To report a wildfire, unattended campfire or open fire violation, call 1 800 663-5555 toll-free or *5555 on a cellphone. For the latest information on current wildfire activity, burning restrictions, road closures and air quality advisories, go to: <http://www.bcwildfire.ca>

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