



Pender Harbour Fire Protection District

OPEN FIRES ARE PROHIBITED (EXCEPT CAMPFIRES)

EFFECTIVE

noon (Pacific time) on Friday May 15, 2026

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

Effective at noon Pacific time on Friday May 07, 2026, all open burning activities were prohibited throughout the Pender Harbour Fire Protection District's jurisdiction, until October 31, 2026, or until the order is rescinded. This prohibition was being enacted to help reduce wildfire risk and protect public safety.

UPDATE:

Effective at noon Pacific time on Friday May 15, 2026, the Category 1 campfire prohibition will be rescinded. Category 2 (Backyard) and Category 3 (Industrial) open fires will remain prohibited throughout the Pender Harbour Fire Protection District's jurisdiction.

Anyone choosing to light a **Category 1 campfire** must do so responsibly and in accordance with Section 20 of the *Wildfire Regulation*:

- Do not burn in windy conditions
- Establish and maintain a fuel break
- Do not leave the fire unattended
- Ensure the fire is fully extinguished before leaving the area
- Carry out fire control immediately and/or report the fire if it spreads beyond the established fuel break

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*):

- Open fires, of woody debris, in an outdoor stove
- Tiki torches, chimineas, and non CSA & ULC approved outdoor stoves and cooking devices
- Fireworks and firecrackers
- Sky Lanterns
- Binary Exploding Targets (e.g. for rifle target practice)
- Burn Barrels or Burn Cages of any size or description
- Wood fired hot tubs, wood fire pizza ovens and other wood fired devices
- Controlled air incinerators
- Air Curtain Burners and Carbonizers

The prohibition does not apply to CSA and ULC approved devices such as cooking stoves that use liquid gas, propane or charcoal briquettes as long as the flame length does not exceed 15 cm.

A poster explaining the different categories of open burning is available online at:
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/prevention/fire-bans-and-restrictions/open-burning>

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](http://www.bcwildfire.ca)

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