

*Anarchist Mountain Fire
Department*

Fire Chief Bulletin



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CAMPFIRE BAN LIFTED

Effective at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 21, campfires will once again be permitted throughout the Kamloops Fire Centre as described under the Wildfire Act. The Wildfire Act describes the size allowed and outlines that a campfire is allowed when:

- a) it is safe, and likely to continue to be safe to have campfires
- b) the person takes reasonable precautions to ensure the fire is contained
- c) the person watches the fire to prevent escape, and the person is equipped with sufficient fire fighting tools. This means the fire must be watched at all times.
- d) the person carries out fire control action if the fire does spread beyond the burn area
- e) the person ensures the fire is extinguished before leaving the area

In addition,

1. Campfires cannot be larger than 0.5 metres in height and 0.5 metres in diameter, or approximately a foot-and-a-half by a foot-and-a-half. Previously, campfires were permitted to a maximum size of one-metre by one-metre.
2. The new rules also require campers to build a fireguard around their fires by scraping down to the dirt and clearing away potentially flammable debris, such as twigs, leaves and needles. A shovel or at least eight litres of water must be stored nearby to extinguish the fire. Never leave a campfire unattended and make sure the ashes are completely cold to the touch before leaving the area.

Category 2 and 3 open fires, however, remain prohibited throughout the entire Kamloops Fire Centre. This prohibition includes any open fire larger than a half-metre high by a half-metre wide, fires requiring a burn registration number, industrial burning, fireworks, sky lanterns and burning barrels of any size and description.

Anyone found in violation of an open fire prohibition may be issued a ticket for up to \$345. If the fire leads to a wildfire, the person(s) responsible may be fined up to \$1 million, spend up to three years in prison and be held accountable for associated firefighting costs.

These open burning prohibitions cover all BC Parks, Crown lands and private lands, but do not apply within the boundaries of local governments that have forest fire prevention bylaws and are serviced by fire departments. Please check with local governments for any other restrictions before lighting any fire.

The open fire prohibition will remain in place until the public is notified that it has been rescinded.

For the latest information on current wildfire activity, burning restrictions, road closures and air quality advisories, go to: www.bcwildfire.ca

You can also follow the latest wildfire news:

- On Twitter at: <http://twitter.com/BCGovFireInfo>
- On Facebook at: <http://facebook.com/BCForestFireInfo>

We hope this information will be of value to you.

Thanks.

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