

INFORMATION BULLETIN

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District of Ucluelet

Open fires to be prohibited in Coastal Fire Centre, except for the Fog Zone and Haida Gwaii - Ucluelet, BC

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UCLUELET – The Coastal Fire Centre has recently implemented a Category 2 and Category 3 Open Fire prohibition. On July 6, 2017, the Coastal Fire Centre also issued a Campfire Ban in all areas *except* the 'Fog Zone' and Haida Gwaii. The District of Ucluelet is in the Fog Zone.

The Fog Zone remains at a *Danger Class 3 (Moderate) Rating*; therefore, campfires are currently permitted in this area. The District of Ucluelet is asking residents and visitors to take precautionary steps while having an outdoor exempt fire in Ucluelet and the surrounding area. Exempt fires are open fires contained within a barbeque or fire pit for the purposes of cooking, warmth, and ceremony, or a small beach fire below the high tide mark. Outdoor exempt fires are permitted if burning is conducted in accordance with the following conditions:

- I. Before the fire is ignited, all combustible materials must be removed at least 3 metres in every direction from the perimeter of the fire;
- II. The fire must not be closer than 3 metres to any snag, slash, standing tree or wooden structure;
- III. The fire must not be more than 1 square meter and not exceeding 1 meter in height
- IV. A pail containing at least 8 litres of water and a shovel must be kept near the fire at all times; A person 18 years of age or older must be in attendance at the fire at all times;
- V. The fire must be completely extinguished before the attending person leaves.

The District of Ucluelet is also asking residents to ensure they obtain a fire permit for non-exempt fires such as Land Clearing Fires. Please remember, Garden Refuse Fires are permitted during the first two weeks in April and the last two weeks in October, if the burning is conducted in accordance with the District of Ucluelet's bylaw to *Regulate Outdoor Burning*.

- To report a wildfire or open burning 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>.
- A map of the Fog Zone is available online at: <http://ow.ly/bCJc30calul>.
- You can also follow the latest wildfire news on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/BCGovFireInfo> and Facebook: <http://facebook.com/BCForestFireInfo>.
- To learn more about Ucluelet's Burning Bylaw, go to: <http://ucluelet.ca/community/planning-forms-pubs>
- Click here to view the [Province-wide Information Bulletin](#).

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