

## THINK Before You Burn

Open burning can cause health problems for you and your neighbours. The air pollution from open burning can be a special concern for children and people with respiratory diseases like asthma, emphysema and chronic bronchitis. You can help keep Lantzville's air clean by following the rules for open burning and finding healthy alternatives to burning.

Remember, when you burn, if you find the smoke or the ash fallout offensive at your place, chances are your neighbour does as well.

**The Fire Protection Services Bylaw prohibits Open Air or Incinerator fires from April 16th to October 14th. Land clearing fires are prohibited at all times, except for on Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR)**

### Top Ten Violations of the Fire Protection Services Bylaw Burning:

1. When Ventilation Index is POOR or FAIR
2. Prohibited materials
3. Outside of permitted hours or season
4. Without water available for firefighting
5. When wind speed is excessive (>15 kph)
6. With an open fire on the beach
7. Unsupervised—no person 18 years of age or older present to be in charge
8. Too close to combustibles
9. Materials in too large of a pile
10. Without adequate equipment for person in charge of the fire.

Violators subject to fines and/or cost recovery fees for Fire Rescue response.



**Be proactive! Be safe! Be ready!**

#### Lantzville Fire Rescue

Phone: 250.390.2811

Email: [nrukus@lantzville.ca](mailto:nrukus@lantzville.ca)

[www.lantzville.ca](http://www.lantzville.ca)

#### Emergency Phone Numbers

To report a fire: 9-1-1

To report a forest fire: 1.800.663.5555

Or \*5555 from your cell

To report a beach fire: 250.390.2811



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Call RAPP at **1.877.952.7277** to report provincial environmental protection law offences to the Conservation Officer Service, including burning waste, burning industrial or construction waste, burning prohibited materials and smoke related issues.

For additional information on recycling, waste pick-up or drop-off centres, try the Waste Wizard widget at [www.lantzville.ca](http://www.lantzville.ca) to know what goes where, or call the **Regional District of Nanaimo Solid Waste Services at 250.390.6560.**

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## District of Lantzville

# Outdoor Burning Regulations and Guidelines



**An informational guide to understanding burning regulations and bylaws in the District of Lantzville**

This information is derived from the District of Lantzville Fire Protection Services Bylaw No. 185, 2019. View the Bylaw at [www.lantzville.ca](http://www.lantzville.ca) for additional information.

## Backyard Burning Season

The Fire Protection Services Bylaw permits Open Air and Incinerator fires **from April 16th to October 14th**, subject to conditions, and only if every reasonable alternative for reducing, reusing or recycling debris has been pursued first! If you must burn, here are a few rules and guidelines you should be aware of before you start.

### What can I burn?

**Burn only clean, dry, organic materials.**

**You must NOT burn:**

- asphalt, asphalt products, tires
- insulation, special waste, manure
- tar paper, demolition waste
- paint, paint products, drywall
- domestic waste (household material and food waste)
- plastics, biomedical waste, rubber
- treated lumber, railway ties, pallets
- fuel and lubricant containers.

Reduce, reuse and recycle first, to minimize the amount of debris to be disposed. You must only burn clean, dry, organic materials. i.e. dry branches, leaves, split logs, fire wood.

## Rules To Know Before Burning

- Pile of combustible organic material must be less than 1.2 metres high by less than 1.8 metres in diameter
- Fire must be built at least five metres from any dry grass, shrubbery, wooden fence, or building
- Person over 18 years of age must be present and in charge of fire at all times
- Minimum equipment for person in charge includes a phone to call 911, sufficient amount of water, water hose and shovel to control the fire and prevent the fire from causing damage or to be a danger to life or property
- Person who ignites, or permits to be ignited, any fire, is responsible for the fire and liable for all expenses incurred by the District to respond to the fire.

- No fire may be started or maintained:
  - ⇒ if the wind conditions exceed 15 kms per hour (anything more than a gentle breeze)
  - ⇒ if the Central Vancouver Island venting index does not indicate a GOOD venting index (55-100) for the period in which the fire is to burn.

## Call Before You Burn

Check the Ventilation Index before you burn:

- Call the Ministry of Environment toll free at **1.888.281.2992** and follow the prompts to hear Environment Canada's daily ventilation index for Central Vancouver Island to confirm if burning is permitted.

OR

- Visit the Ministry of Environment website **[www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/epdpa/venting](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/epdpa/venting)** and search the daily Venting Index for CNTRL VAN ISLD at the bottom of the page (or view Central Vancouver Island on the venting index interactive map) to confirm if burning is GOOD—otherwise burning is prohibited. Outdoor burning is prohibited when the index is POOR or FAIR. A clear sunny day is not a reliable indicator that you can burn—you must check the Ventilation Index each day that you wish to burn.

Completely extinguish the fire before leaving the burn site. If it's too hot to touch, it's too hot to leave.

**Remember:** do not bury the fire. The fire will continue to smolder. Tree roots or coal seams could catch on fire which will eventually surface and start a wildfire.

A representative of Lantzville Fire Rescue may demand at any time, that a fire be extinguished. All Provincial fire bans effective within the Coastal Fire Region apply within the District of Lantzville boundaries. All types of fires may be banned in peak fire season.

View the Bylaw or contact Lantzville Fire Rescue for Agricultural Clearing Waste Fire burning regulations information for ALR lands.

## Beach Fires

**No open air fires are permitted on any beach within the boundaries of the District of Lantzville at any time.**

A beach fire is only permitted:

- if using a CSA-rated or ULC-rated portable campfire apparatus that uses propane fuel
- between the hours of 11:00 am to 8:00 pm any time of the year
- if the height of the flame is less than 15 cm tall
- when not prohibited by other regulatory agencies.

## Campfires

An outdoor cooking fire, ceremonial fire or camp fire is permitted at any time of the year, providing the fire is contained in a device or fixture for the purpose of cooking or ceremony if:

- there is no fire ban in place
- the fire is only burning propane, natural gas, clean wood or charcoal
- the fire does not exceed 0.61 metres in size
- the fire is at least five metres from any dry grass, shrubbery or wooden fence
- the fire is at least five metres beneath tree branches or from any building, fuel tank or other combustible material.

At any time, a representative of Lantzville Fire Rescue may demand that a fire be extinguished. Every person who ignites, or permits to be ignited, any ceremonial fire, campfire or outdoor cooking fire is responsible for that fire and is liable for all expenses incurred by the District of Lantzville to respond to that fire. The cost of the District's response includes the cost to the District for supplying equipment and members of Lantzville Fire Rescue to respond to the fire.