



District of Lantzville

Effective: Noon, Friday, October 28, 2022

OPEN FIRES & October 31st FIREWORKS BANS LIFTED

Fireworks – The sale of fireworks and use of firecrackers is prohibited; no person under the age of 18 is permitted to possess fireworks; the use of fireworks is prohibited except for adults setting off fireworks on October 31st from 9:00 am to 11:00 pm (exception with Special Use Fireworks Permit issued by the Fire Chief); setting off fireworks on a street, in a park, on school property, on a beach, or on commercial or industrial zoned property OR pointed at any person, animal, building, motor vehicle, tree or bush IS PROHIBITED.

Open Burning - Until April 15, 2023, Open Air and Incinerator Fires are permitted ONLY IF every reasonable alternative for reducing, reusing or recycling debris has been pursued first to minimize the amount of debris to be burned and subject to Fire Protection Services Bylaw No. 185 regulations and the Ventilation Index. No prohibited materials may be burned (e.g., no demolition waste, household waste, treated lumber, etc.). Burn only clean, dry organic materials in a fire less than 1.2 m high by less than 1.8 m in diameter and subject to the Ventilation Index. Visit (www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/epdpa/venting) or call 1.888.281.2922 to confirm the Ventilation Index for the CNTRL VAN ISLD the day you wish to burn to confirm if venting is GOOD, otherwise burning is prohibited. NO LAND CLEARING FIRES ARE PERMITTED AT ANY TIME OF THE YEAR – except as permitted on Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) lands. At any time, a representative of Lantzville Fire Rescue may demand that a fire be extinguished.

Small, contained campfires used for cooking, heating or ceremonial purposes are allowed (except on beaches), provided there are no fire bans in place, and subject to the following:

- Must be contained in a device or fixture
- Must be away from combustible materials
- Must be no larger than 0.61 metres (2 feet) by 0.61 metres (2 feet)
- Only propane, natural gas, charcoal, or clean organic wood can be used – no branches, yard waste, or construction materials
- A responsible person must be in attendance at the campfire at all times, with a hand tool or at least eight litres of water available to properly extinguish the fire
- Must be five (5) metres or more from any dry grass, shrubbery, wooden fence, building, fuel tank, overhanging branches, or any other combustible material
- Ensure campfire is completely extinguished and ashes are cold to the touch before leaving the area for any length in time
- Please be considerate of any neighbours when planning a campfire
- NO OPEN AIR FIRES ARE PERMITTED ON ANY BEACH – Only portable propane campfire apparatus (CSA or ULS approved) are permitted on the beach between the hours of 11:00 am to 8:00 pm

Every person who ignites, or permits to be ignited, any fire, is responsible for that fire and is liable for all expenses incurred by the District to respond to that fire. NOTE: Cost recovery fees payable are in addition to any applicable violation fines.

To report a fire: Call 9-1-1

To report a beach fire: Call 250.390.2811

To report a Forest fire: Call 1.800.663.5555 Or *5555 on your cell

Call RAPP (1.877.952.7277) to report provincial environmental protection law offences, including burning waste, burning industrial or construction waste, burning prohibited materials and smoke related issues.

Thank you for your cooperation.