



Burning Information Bulletin

The following information is from the Fire Prevention Bylaw

BURNING PERMITS

The Fire Department will make an annual site inspection prior to a permit being issued, insuring a visible lot or house number is displayed and the area meets the burning requirements.

- A permit must be requested annually and a permit fee of \$25.00 is required every second year for all open 3' x 3' x 3' (1m x 1m x 1m) fires, incinerators, and outdoor fire appliances.
- A permit must be requested annually and an annual permit fee of \$ 35.00 will be charged for each pile larger than 3' x 3' x 3' (1m x 1m x 1m) and smaller than 10' x 10' x 10' (3 m x 3m x3m) with a \$200.00 minimum per pile for a larger than 10' x 10' x 10' (3m x 3m x 3m).
- In all instances when a burning permit is issued, a competent adult shall have the fire under constant supervision and ensure that equipment for fire control is readily available. (i.e. a charged garden hose with a spray nozzle)
- The Fire Chief, at his discretion, may issue a burning permit for after hours when special circumstances arise.
- All burning permits are subject to restrictions, fines, and or cancellation by the Fire Chief at any time.

INCINERATORS

- An incinerator shall be maintained in a condition that provides for the proper combustion of any material being burnt. Incinerators need to be emptied on a regular basis ensuring that good combustion of materials can take place preventing nuisance smoke.
- Incinerators, whether metal, stone, or brick, shall have a screen or grill with mesh less than 3/8" (9.5mm) to restrict any sparks or flying debris.
- An incinerator shall be located at least 10' (3m) from any dry grass, shrubbery, or wooden fences and located 25' (7.6m) from any building.

OPEN FIRES

- An open fire 3' x 3' x3' (1m x 1m x 1m) shall be located at least 25" (7.6m) from any dry grass, shrubbery, or wooden fences, and 25" (7.6m) from any buildings.
- All fires on the foreshores (beaches) require an inspection of the site and a permit issued by the Fire Chief. This permit will be valid for a specific date only unless noted on the permit.
- All piles larger than 10' x 10' x 10' (3m x 3m x 3m) must be a minimum 25' (7.6m) from a property line and 100' (30.4m) from structures.
- All piles smaller than 10' x 10' x 10' (3m x 3m x3m) but larger than 3' x 3' x 3' must be a minimum 25' (7.6m) from a property line and 50' (15m) from structures.

OUTDOOR FIRE APPLIANCES

- All outdoor fire appliances shall be specifically manufactured as outdoor burning appliances. No homemade devices are permitted. These devices are to be used specifically for cooking and quiet enjoyment, not burning yard or household debris.
- All outdoor fire appliances shall be enclosed to contain the burning materials within the device by use of metal materials or metal mesh. The fire shall be no larger than 1' x 1' x 1' (30cm x 30cm x 30cm). The fire box size shall not exceed 2' x 2' (60cm x 60cm).
- An outdoor fire appliances shall be located no closer than 10' (3m) from any building, and no closer than 20' (6m) from any fence, property line, trees, bushes, or other combustible materials.
- **The allowed hours of operation are between sunrise and 10:00 p.m. daily from November 3, 2011 until October 31, 2012.**
- There shall be no use of any outdoor fire appliance when the forest fire rating is extreme. Please check the Fire Department web site for updates when conditions are dry.

PROHIBITED BURNING MATERIALS

Asphalt Products	Biomedical Waste	All Leaves	Domestic Waste
Dry Wall	Flammable Liquids	Manure	Fuel & Lubricant Containers
Paint	All Plastics	Mattresses, Couches	Rubber
Green Grass	Tar Paper	Tires	Treated Lumber

BURNING TIMES

- Open air burning shall **only** take place on the **first and third consecutive Thursday, Friday, and Saturday's** during **November 3, 2011 to May 5, 2012** from **Sunrise to Sunset**.
- Open air burning of machine stacked piles are permitted weekly as per discretion of the Fire Chief.
- **No** burning shall take place on Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Statutory Holidays.
- All open burning; including incinerators will be closed from May 5, 2012 at sunset and re-opening the first consecutive Thursday, Friday, and Saturday in November.
- No burning is allowed in the Dean Park area located west of East Saanich Road, south of Forest Park Drive (both sides, including Texada Terrace) to the southern border of the District.

SMOKE

- No person shall cause, or allow the emission of, smoke from a solid fuel burning device or an open fire, which create large thick amounts of smoke. Violators will be progressively penalized restricting their days of burning and or revoking their permits if warranted by the Fire Chief.
- Apart from first lighting the fire or when the fire is re-stoked, the fire shall burn as hot as possible with good combustion and create the least amount of smoke. All smoke complaints will be thoroughly investigated and all offenders will be penalized.
- All fires should be burnt in the shortest time frame as possible, with consideration of the surrounding residents.
- Do no burn leaves and grass, use alternate ways of disposal such as composting.

ALTERNATIVES TO BURNING

The Municipal Green Waste drop off, located on Littlewood Road, behind the Legion on Mills Road, will be open the first and third Saturday and the second and fourth Thursday of every month from 8:00 a.m. until noon. This program is for North Saanich residents only to drop off burnable materials including grass and garden clippings. The fee will be \$10.00 per pick up load or trailer and \$5.00 per car load. Driver's licences will be checked to verify residency. Please visit www.northsaanich.ca for a complete schedule.

In addition to the municipal drop off being available, please contact your refuse collection company for pick- up of your yard materials.

In the case of large burns, the Provincial Atmospheric Venting Index should be consulted and piles should only be burned on good venting days. The Fire Department can supply a three day venting forecast or you can refer to the North Saanich Fire Department web site and click on burning regulations, then venting index.

Fire Department after hours non-emergency Duty Officer.....250-475-6111

If you require any further information on the burning regulations in the District of North Saanich, such as burn site areas or incinerator inspections, please do not to call or visit our web site at:

www.northsaanichfire.ca

North Saanich Fire Department 250-656-1931
Monday to Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.