

NEWS RELEASE

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Reminders for Residents - No Open Burning or Fireworks

Parksville Fire Rescue wishes to remind residents of the Parksville Fire Protection Area that all open burning and outdoor fires, excluding cooking fires, are prohibited at this time. The department also wishes to remind residents beach fires in the Parksville Qualicum Wildlife Management are always prohibited by provincial legislation. At this time, campfires are allowed.

As well, fireworks are banned in the City of Parksville. A person must not fire or discharge fireworks unless authorized by a permit (permits are only issued to applicants with a fireworks supervisor and/or pyrotechnics certification card as issued by Natural Resources Canada). The sale of any type of fireworks is prohibited in the City of Parksville.

The Parksville Fire Protection Area encompasses the City of Parksville and contract areas within the Regional District of Nanaimo which include San Pareil, Morningstar, Columbia Beach, French Creek, and the Fourneau Road, Wildgreen and Martindale Road areas as well as the Forever Green Estates.

The burning bylaw for the City of Parksville maybe viewed at https://parksville.civicweb.net/document/1596

Reporting should be as follows:

Fire emergency (threat to lives and/or property) 911

Open fire in the Parksville Fire Protection Area 250 248-3242 Beach fires (RAPP line) 1-877-952-7277

Fireworks RCMP

BC Wildfire Service

For the latest information on current wildfire activity, burning restrictions and air quality advisories, refer to http://www.bcwildfire.ca.

BC Wildfire Service provides a mobile app with real-time wildfire information and an interactive map that users can customize to display a variety of fire related data. The new app is one of many proactive initiatives undertaken by the BC Wildfire Service to give members of the public, media and stakeholders access to consistent, accurate and timely wildfire information throughout the province. This app complements the BC Wildfire Service website and social media channels and features a "report a fire" function that will automatically generate map coordinates. The BC Wildfire Service mobile app is available for Apple (iOS) and Android devices and is free to download in the App Store and Google Play.

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