



Campfires Temporarily Allowed

Parksville, BC - The Parksville Volunteer Fire Department advises that as of noon today, campfires will once again be permitted throughout the Coastal Fire Centre's jurisdiction. The Coastal Fire Centre is rescinding its campfire prohibition due to forecasted cool and rainy weather conditions. As such, the campfire ban in the Parksville Fire Protection Area is rescinded due to a decreased risk of wildfires.

The following uses will now be allowed:

- campfires as defined by the wildfire regulation
- open fires in an outdoor stove

The long-term forecast, however, is for a return to hot and dry conditions after the weekend. These conditions will likely result in the reintroduction of a campfire ban prior to the August long weekend.

The public is reminded that campfires cannot be larger than a half-metre high by a half-metre wide. Anyone who lights a campfire must have a hand tool (such as a shovel) or at least eight litres of water available to fully extinguish it. Never leave a campfire unattended and make sure that the ashes are completely cold to the touch before leaving the area for any length of time.

Affected areas include the City of Parksville, French Creek areas bordering the City of Parksville to the edge of the fire protection area at Johnston and Drew Roads, San Pareil, Fourneau Road and Martindale Road areas.

This lifting of the closure on campfires is in conjunction with the lifting of the Coastal Fire Centre ban by the BC Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations.

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