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## Campfires

Continue to be allowed within Coastal's jurisdictions.

Please be very careful when situating and lighting your campfire, and  
**MAKE SURE IT'S OUT!**



## Lifting of "industrial" or large pile restriction

Effective noon Thursday, the Coastal Fire Centre lifted the partial Category 3 open fire burning restriction and made it a requirement for anyone requesting a Cat 3 burn registration number to contact the Coastal Fire Centre at 250.951.4201.

This is effective within BC Parks and all public (Crown) land and private lands outside of organized areas that have their own burning bylaws or bans.

This lift applies to large pile burning, and does not allow "backyard burning."

While the Coastal Fire Centre had enjoyed precipitation, the rain has been spotty. This precipitation has lowered the Danger Rating in some areas significantly, but it has not

fully rehydrated the large forest fuels like big trees and large downed timber.

It is expected in the next week the Coast will see record setting warm and dry days, and that it could continue for a week or two.

The Coastal Fire Centre continues to respond to wildfire—there have been 5 fires in the last week alone, despite the wetter weather.

We continue to ask for the public's help in reporting wildfires. To report a wildfire, please continue to call

**800.663.5555 or**

**\*5555 on cell phones**

## Backyard Burn

- ◆ Due to unseasonably warm temperatures, the Coastal Fire Centre is continuing the restriction on backyard burns until the weather conditions deem it safe to lift.
- ◆ The definition of a backyard burn (Category 2 Open Fire) is "an open fire that burns waste material in one pile not exceeding 2m in height and 3m in width."
- ◆ A Category 2 (backyard burning) open fire restriction applies in BC Parks and outside of local government boundaries unless otherwise indicated.
- ◆ A burn registration is not required for Category 2 open fires.
- ◆ Be advised that if your fire escapes, you may be liable for fire suppression costs and damages.

## Open Burning Restrictions

- ◆ (Category 3 Open Fire) is the burning of larger piles and the legal obligations of conducting these burns according to the *Wildfire Act*.
- ◆ The definition of industrial pile burning is a fire that "burns material in one or more piles each exceeding 2m in height and 3m in width."
- ◆ Requirements for Category 3 open fires apply outside of municipal boundaries and Regional Districts that have open fire bylaws.
- ◆ Category 3 open fires DO require a burn registration number.
- ◆ Be advised that if your fire escapes, you may be liable for fire suppression costs and damages.

## To Date in Coastal

### Fires to Date

Person  
Caused 188

Lightning  
Caused 330

Total  
Number  
of Fires 521

Hectares  
burnt 7127

Number of  
Incidents  
Responded  
to 1788

### Fire Danger Rating



Low

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## Weather and Fire Suppression

So much of a fire fighters job is based on weather, as fire behavior responds strongly to temperature and precipitation. One of the most important weather factors in fighting fire is wind.

Fire behavior specialists use forecasts to predict how a fire will react under those winds and how they can best work towards retarding or suppressing the fire using the characteristics of the weather pattern.

According to Dan Morrison, weather forecaster for the Coastal Fire Centre, ‘by Sunday or Monday all of the long range indicators show a massive upper ridge centred along the west coast of North America from the Baja all the way to

southern Alaska. Models appear to maintain this high through the end of the month with outflow winds developing, especially over northern California, and possible record setting temperatures.’ To those of us in Wildfire Management, this means the fire season isn’t over yet.

For the safety of residents, the Coastal Fire Centre will be removing the Category 3 ban but backyard burning will not be allowed until weather conditions moderate back to seasonal norms. Although we will have some rain over the weekend, the two weeks of unseasonably warm weather that will follow are not conducive to lifting the ban on backyard burning. Please cooperate and remember to:

**Observe, Record and Report!**

## Today At Coastal

The fire season continues at Coastal, with 5 new fires in the last week. A lightning strike with the last storm caused one new fire, and the remaining fires were person caused.

So far, person caused fire starts are well above our 7 year average: we currently have 188 person caused fires, and usually average about 166 by this date.

Coastal also continues to support other fire centres with resources. We have 3 Unit Crews, 1 Initial Attack Crew and 8 single resources dispatched to the interior of the province. Most of these resources were sent within the last week, as fire behaviour there still remains very active and many crews and personnel need to be relieved and allowed to rest and recuperate.

## Weather Forecast

The rain is just starting and it will continue wet or maybe very wet for the next 24 to 36 hours in all areas except the far eastern sections of the Fraser Valley and Manning Park.

Sunday a large strong ridge moves in and brings clearing but cool conditions. The ridge grows stronger and stronger early next week and temperatures climb above normal by Monday. An outflow trough brings off-shore winds and by Tuesday some areas will see poor overnight recovery followed by afternoon highs into the high 20s and possibly the low 30s.

Temperature and humidity extremes peak Tuesday or Wednesday after which the ridge weakens rapidly which keeps the area dry but only at normal temperatures though the end of next week.