



# INFORMATION RELEASE

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## FIRE BAN Restrictions to be Lifted for Parksville Fire Protection Area

**Effective noon, Friday May 15, 2026**, campfires and cooking fires as permitted by bylaw, will again be allowed throughout the Parksville Fire Protection Area. The lifting of the ban is being carried out in conjunction with the BC Wildfire Service Coastal Fire Centre.

BC Wildfire Service has indicated current and forecast conditions have shifted, bringing cooler temperatures, improved humidity values and an overall reduction in wildfire hazard throughout the Coastal Fire Centre.

Fires such as campfires, cooking fires and fires in outdoor fireplaces will be permitted subject to the provisions of applicable municipal and regional district burning bylaws. Applicable bylaws include:

- City of Parksville – Bylaw No. 1428 Outdoor Burning Bylaw
- Regional District of Nanaimo - FRENCH CREEK – Bylaw No. 920, Bylaw to Regulate Outdoor Burning
- Regional District of Nanaimo - PARKSVILLE (Local) SPECIFIED FIRE PROTECTION AREA - Bylaw No. 922, Bylaw to Regulate Outdoor Burning

Although the fire danger has declined, the public is strongly encouraged to exercise extreme caution with any open fire permitted by bylaw and which they chose to maintain. Anyone choosing to light and maintain a fire in the Parksville Fire Protection Area must do so responsibly and in accordance with the applicable bylaw as noted above. Best practices include:

- Establish and maintain a fuel break – Fire pit/fire ring with screen.
- Do not leave the fire unattended.
- Have a water supply sufficient to extinguish the fire.
- Ensure the fire is fully extinguished before leaving the area.
- Carry out fire control immediately and **Call 911** if the fire spreads beyond the established fuel break.

### PROHIBITIONS

- Beach fires are **not permitted** at any time in the Parksville Qualicum Wildlife Management Area which includes the entire waterfront area in the Parksville Fire Protection Area. Beach fires are provincial jurisdiction and should be reported to the RAPP line (Report All Poachers and Polluters) at 1 877 952-7277 (RAPP).
- **Consumer fireworks ban** by BC Wildfire Service remain in effect and are banned throughout the Parksville Fire Protection Area.

For the latest information on fire restrictions in the Parksville Fire Protection Area, visit the [Parkville Fire Rescue website](http://Parkville Fire Rescue website) or follow Parksville Fire on social media.

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### For more information:

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250 248-3242; [fire@parkville.ca](mailto:fire@parkville.ca)

*The City of Parksville is located on the traditional territory of the Coast Salish Nations, home to the Snaw-Naw-As First Nation and the Qualicum First Nation.*

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