

Please Note. . .

- ◆ Burning is prohibited if it produces heavy smoke or fumes, interferes with the normal use and enjoyment of life or property, or endangers the health, safety or welfare of plants, animal life or property (*North Cowichan Bylaw 2822*).
- ◆ Backyard burning is **NOT** permitted in all zones until **March 15 to April 15** and **October 15 to November 15**.
- ◆ Machine stacked burn piles are regulated by the BC Ministry Environment (*Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation*).
- ◆ Obey all Forest Service seasonal bans or restrictions.
- ◆ Before burning, consider the impacts and the alternatives.

For additional information:

Environment Canada—Venting Index

1-888-281-2992

www.weatheroffice.pyr.ec.gc.ca

BC Ministry of Forests

www.gov.bc.ca/for/index.html

Report a Wildfire

1-800-663-5555

BC Enquiry

1-800-663-7867

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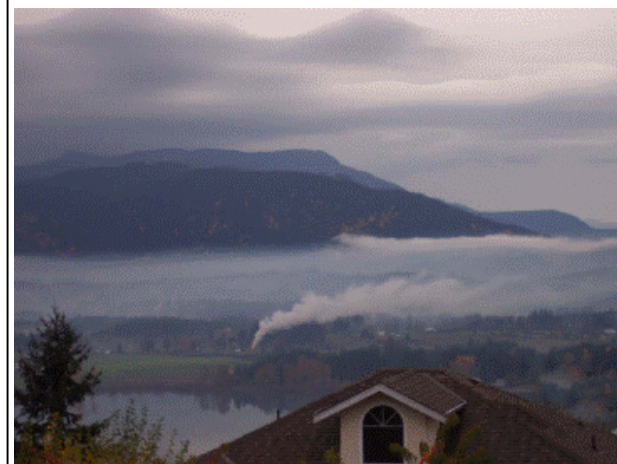
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Backyard Burning & Yard Waste



**Don't Burn If You
Don't Have To!**

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Visit our Website at www.northcowichan.bc.ca

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Don't burn if you don't have to. Smoke produced from burning contains toxic chemicals and microscopic particles that may cause or aggravate health problems, as well as reduce visibility in our community.

For further information on health effects of wood burning visit: http://www.bc.lung.ca/airquality/wood_burning.html



As an alternative to burning, the Municipality encourages you to compost at home or take your yard waste (year-round, free of charge) to one of these Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) solid waste management and recycling facilities:

Bings Creek Solid Waste Management Complex

3900 Drinkwater Road, Duncan
Open daily 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Peerless Road Drop-off Depot

10830 Peerless Road, Ladysmith
Open Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

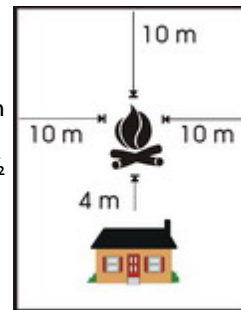
For further information and hours of operation, please phone the **CVRD Recycling Hotline** at **250-746-2540** or visit www.cvrdb.ca

If You Must Burn, Do It Legally and Wisely

Under North Cowichan's Fire Protection Bylaw, backyard burning is NOT permitted in all zones until March 15 to April 15 and October 15 to November 15.

Fines may be issued if these restrictions are not met:

- Only burn when the ventilation index is "good" for South Vancouver Island (listed on Environment Canada's website www.weatheroffice.pyr.ec.gc.ca or call 1-888-281-2992).
- Only untreated natural wood and brush may be burned.
- No fire may be burned that produces heavy smoke or fumes, interferes with the normal use or enjoyment of life or property, endangers the health, safety, or welfare of persons or animals, or damages plants or property.
- No burning of any chemical or material including oil, tar, rubber, plastic, or fertilizer or any construction or demolition waste, treated wood, grass, leaves or garbage or refuse.
- Fires must be a minimum of 10 metres (33 feet) from all property lines (this requires approximately a ½ acre lot) and 4 metres (13 feet) from any structures or flammable or combustible material (see diagram).
- Stack the pile so it has plenty of air to all parts of the pile. If it does not, you will notice excessive amounts of smoke.
- Only one hand piled fire per property is permitted at a time.
- The fire may not be more than 2 metres (6.5 feet) in diameter and 2 metres (6.5 feet) in height.
- Burned material must be from the land where the fire is located.



- Proper fire-fighting equipment, including at least a shovel, rake, and garden hose connected to a water source, must be on hand and readily available in case of fire escape.
- Fires may only burn during daylight hours.

Recreational Fire Pits

Small recreational fire pits may only burn clean dry firewood and must:

- Be made of noncombustible material.
- Be equipped with a tight-fitting lid of perforated metal or wire screen having openings not more than 1 cm² in area.
- Not exceed 0.5 m³ in volume.
- Be located not less than 2 meters from a property line and not less than 5 metres from a building or flammable combustible material.
- There must be fire-fighting equipment available on hand including at least one shovel, rake and garden hose connected to water source.

For more information, contact:

Rob Clark, Bylaw Enforcement Officer
Andy Daniel, Environmental Technician

at the Municipal office at 250-746-3100

