



INFORMATION BULLETIN

City Burning Ban Lifted

Abbotsford, October 2, 2014 - Abbotsford Fire Rescue Service has lifted the annual burning ban. The ban applies only to rural areas within the City.

Where permitted, citizens may burn agricultural waste (vegetation only) in accordance with “**City of Abbotsford Fire Rescue Service Burning Conditions and Restrictions**”.

Rural residents are reminded that:

- Agricultural waste burning is only allowed within the Rural Area.
- A permit is required for agricultural waste fires where the pile size is greater than 3m x 3m x 1m high (10 feet x 10 feet x 3 feet high).
- All clearances described in the “Burning Conditions and Restrictions” must be met.
- A permit is required for all ditch burning.
- Burning construction and demolition waste, non-vegetation materials including garbage, plastics, rubber, chemicals, furniture and any chemical, petroleum, hazardous products is strictly prohibited.
- Provincial venting index requirements must be met prior to any burning.

Burning of land clearing debris is strictly regulated and will not be allowed in most areas. A permit and a site inspection will be required. It is recommended that applicants contact the Fire Prevention Office prior to any land clearing work in order to determine if burning would be permitted.

Urban residents are reminded that open-air burning is not permitted in urban areas at any time of the year. This includes the use of outdoor fireplaces and portable wood-burning appliances. Residents who wish to enjoy campfires in urban areas should use propane-fuelled devices and operate them safely according to manufacturer’s instructions.

Further information about outdoor burning can be found on the Fire Rescue Service website at www.abbotsford.ca/fire.

If you have any questions, please contact the Abbotsford Fire Rescue Service non-emergency line at 604-853-3566. Property owners found burning in contravention of the Burning Bylaw and the Burning Regulations will be subject to fines and possibly cost recovery charges.

For more information contact:

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