

District of Lake Country - Open Burning Permit

1. GENERAL REGULATIONS AND PROHIBITIONS

- All persons conducting "Open Burning" under the provisions of Burning Bylaw 612, must submit this Notification of Open Burning.
- No person shall conduct open burning except during a permitted open burning period.
- No person shall conduct open burning on land of which the person is not the owner or occupier unless authorized to do so by the owner or occupier.
- No person shall conduct open burning of any materials except permitted burning materials. Without restricting the generality of the foregoing, no person shall burn garbage, compostable materials or prohibited materials.
- No person shall conduct open burning by use of an incinerator, burning barrel, outdoor fireplace with a flue or similar device.
- All owners and occupiers of property on which burning is permitted in accordance with Burning Bylaw 612, 2007 shall ensure no nuisance or hazard is caused by any open burning.
- No person shall conduct open burning of the wood, trees, stumps, shrubbery and woody debris that results from clearing land that is the subject of a rezoning, subdivision, development permit or soil permit application to help prepare the land for a different land use or density.

2. OPEN BURNING REQUIREMENTS AND PROHIBITIONS

- All permitted burning material shall be thoroughly dried and capable of being burned and disposed of rapidly.
- All permitted burning materials shall originate from the parcel of land where the burn is taking place.
- All fires shall be continuously controlled and supervised by a competent person properly equipped with sufficient fire extinguishing equipment and material and shall be maintained so as to not constitute a hazard.
- No fire shall be larger than 2 meters in height by 3 meters in diameter.
- Burning shall not be commenced unless the Environment Canada venting index indicates that ventilation and air quality are in the "GOOD" category.

3. PERMITTED OPEN BURNING PERIODS

Open burning shall be permitted during the following periods, unless varied by the Fire Chief:

- October 1 to December 31
- January 1 to April 30

Note: Open burning starts not earlier than 1 hour after sunrise and ends by 4pm or two hours before sunset, whichever is later, on the same day as opening burning starts.

4. INSPECTIONS AND ORDERS

The Fire Chief or Bylaw Enforcement Officer may withhold, suspend or cancel any burning where that burning creates a hazard or nuisance to persons or property and the fire Chief or Bylaw Enforcement Officer may order the extinguishment of any fire that causes a hazard or nuisance.

5. OPEN BURNING SMOKE CONTROL REGULATION

NEW Effective September 15, 2019, the Province has put into force a new [Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation](#). Open Burning is subject to the conditions set out within this new regulation, in addition to District of Lake Country [Burning Bylaw 612, 2007](#). This Notification of Open Burning provides only for the conditions of local bylaw and does not ensure or suggest compliance with the new Provincial regulation. Inspections by Lake Country Fire Department staff will be for the purposes of compliance with Burning Bylaw 612, 2007. It is the responsibility of the permit holder to ensure compliance with the new Provincial regulation. Any noncompliance with the Provincial regulation may be subject to enforcement by the province.

"Open Burning" means the combustion or burning of any substance in the open air by any means but shall not include:

- The operation of an outdoor barbeque intended for and used solely, for the preparation of foods;
- Fires used by Fire Department authorities for the purpose of education, training and other Fire Department purposes;
- Campfires

"Prohibited materials" means those materials listed in Schedule A of the *Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation* enacted pursuant to the *Waste Management Act* as amended from time to time.

Contact Information: anyone impacted by smoke from burning activities may contact the 24-hour Provincial Reporting Line at 1-877-952-7277 (Conservation Officer Service) and/or direct further questions about the new Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation to OBSCR@gov.bc.ca