

CAMPFIRE BAN LIFTED FOR TERRACE

Effective at noon on Thursday, July 22, 2021, the City of Terrace has lifted the campfire ban in place in the City of Terrace and Ferry Island. The campfire ban had been in place since June 30 within most of the City of Terrace and July 7 on Ferry Island. Please note there are still bans in effect outside of the city limits and the bans on Category 2 and 3 fires (usually for land clearing) remain in place. The City will continue to monitor conditions over the coming weeks to determine if a return to the campfire ban is required.

"Thanks to the past few days of rainy, cooler weather and a prediction of only a few sunny days followed by cooler, wet days again, the threat of out-of-control wildfire is less than in previous weeks," said City of Terrace Fire Chief John Klie. "However, campfire etiquette is still very important, whether you are lighting campfires on Ferry Island or in your backyard. Please show consideration for your neighbours and follow our Fire Prevention Bylaw."

Citizens are reminded that burning of yard waste, grass, branches, leaves, and other debris is NOT allowed within City limits, as per the <u>City of Terrace Fire Prevention Bylaw</u>. This bylaw is in place to protect the community from forest fires and to avoid aggravating respiratory health conditions.

In addition, citizens should take note of the following:

- A campfire is defined as any fire smaller than 0.5 metres high by 0.5 metres wide. Citizens should monitor the size of their fires.
- Fire pits in the backyard are for the purpose of cooking food only. Fires must be contained within a non-combustible receptacle constructed of cement, brick, or metal, and be no more than three feet in diameter.
- Only *cut, seasoned* wood or *charcoal* is to be burned.
- All fires must be supervised by a competent person while it is burning or smoldering, and extinguished prior to leaving the fire.
- Fires should not be lit when the weather conditions could cause smoke to be a nuisance to another person. Fires are to be extinguished immediately if they are causing an unreasonable interference with the use and enjoyment of another person's property.
- There must be a minimum 10 foot clearance from any structure or fence.

Please direct burning complaints to the City of Terrace Fire Department at 250-638-4734. For more information, visit <u>https://www.terrace.ca/fire</u>.

Resources provided by BC Wildfire Service:

- BC Campfire Regulations
- <u>A Guide to the Use of Campfires and Outdoor Stoves</u>

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