

Schedule E Burning Permit

Please address all correspondence to:

Fire Chief
District of Clearwater
PO Box 157
Clearwater, BC V0E 1N0
(250) 674-2257

_____, 20____

Permission is hereby granted to:

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ (Home) _____ (Business)

To burn for _____ (# of days) commencing on _____, 20____ at the following street address:

I hereby declare that I have read and fully understand the regulations contained in Schedule "D" of the "District of Clearwater Volunteer Fire Department Regulations Bylaw No. 233, 2021", and agree to comply with such regulations.

Signature of Person Receiving Permit:

(Signature)

(Date)

Approval of the Fire Chief:

(Signature)

(Date)

A copy of Schedule "D" of Bylaw 233, 2021 is to be provided to the applicant along with this permit. The applicant is also directed to the "Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation" of the *Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation* as amended from time to time. A visit to the burn site will be requested at the discretion of the Fire Chief.

Schedule D

RESIDENTIAL AND OPEN BURNING REGULATIONS

The District is within a designated "High Smoke Sensitivity Zone" under the *Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation*, B.C. Reg. 152/2019 (*Environmental Management Act*). This Schedule is to be interpreted consistently with that Regulation and the *Wildfire Regulation (Wildfire Act)*.

1. A person must not light, fuel or maintain an open fire except in accordance with the *Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation* 152/2019 and the *Wildfire Act*, as applicable.
2. A person may only light, fuel or maintain an open fire or conduct open burning within the District:
 - (a) strictly in accordance with the *Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation* 152/2019 and the *Wildfire Act*, and other Provincial enactments, as applicable;
 - (b) where not prohibited by a Provincial enactment, order of the Fire Commissioner, or by notice of the Fire Chief under section 5.4 of this Bylaw:
 - i. as a *campfire*, and in accordance with Schedule C.
 - ii. in association with a residential use, to burn small pruning's and vegetable garden refuse classified as *Category 2 Open Fire* between dawn and dusk during the period from October 1st until of May 15th of any year, and in accordance with this Schedule D;
 - iii. for industrial or commercial purposes or for lot clearing, classified as *Category 3 Open Fire* in accordance with Schedule D.
 - (c) by permit from the District of Clearwater obtained from the Fire Chief
 - (d) if lighting a Category 3 fire, obtain a burn registration number from the Province of BC.

Category 2 Open Fire (Residential / Garden Refuse)

A person who lights, fuels or maintains a fire must ensure that:

- a) material in one pile does not exceed 2 m in height and 3 m in width, or material concurrently in 2 piles each do not exceed 2 m in height and 3 m in width or stubble or grass over an area that does not exceed .2 ha.
- b) any fire must be at least:
 - 4 metres from any log, stump, snag or tree, and
 - 15 metres from any slash, other flammable debris, or any structure;
- c) until completely extinguished, the fire is attended by at least one competent person over the age of 19.

Category 3 Open Fire (Industrial, Commercial, Lot Clearing)

1. Under the Wildfire Regulation, a Category 3 open fire is a fire that:
 - a. burns material concurrently in three or more piles, each not exceeding two metres in height and three metres in width; or
 - b. burns material in one or more piles, with each pile exceeding two metres in height or three metres in width; or
 - c. burns one or more windrows; or
 - d. burns stubble or grass over an area greater than 0.2 hectares (2,000 square metres).
2. People may light, fuel, or make use of a Category 3 open fire within one kilometre of forest land or grassland when:
 - a. there are no prohibitions or other restrictions in place for doing so;
 - b. it is safe to do so and will continue to be safe;
 - c. the person takes all necessary precautions to ensure that the fire is contained in the burn area; and
 - d. a fuel break – sometimes called a fire break – has been established around the burn area, or around each debris pile or windrow. (A fuel break is a change in fuel type or condition, typically a strip of land cleared down to the mineral soil to prevent fire spread.
3. While the fire is burning and there is a potential risk of the fire escaping (i.e. spreading beyond its intended size), the person who lights or maintains the fire must:
 - a. maintain the fuel break;
 - b. have an adequate fire suppression system available at the burn site for fire control if the fire escapes;
 - c. ensure that the fire is watched and patrolled by a person equipped with at least one firefighting hand tool, to stop the fire escaping; and
 - d. ensure that the fire does not exceed the capacity of the people, firefighting tools and heavy equipment on site to take timely action to stop the fire from escaping.
4. In addition:
 - a. The person who lights or maintains the fire must ensure that the fire is fully extinguished and the ashes are cold to the touch by the date specified by the official or person who issued the burn permit.
 - b. If the fire spreads beyond the burn area or becomes out of control, the person responsible must carry out fire control activities and extinguish the fire if practicable.
 - c. If the fire spreads beyond the burn area or becomes out of control, the person responsible must report the escaped fire to the Clearwater Fire Department by calling 911 and BC Wildfire Service at 1 800 663-5555
5. Persons engaged in an “Industrial Activity” (as defined in the Wildfire Act) and carrying out fire control for a Category 3 open fire must make sufficient resources available to fight the fire.
6. Anyone who lights, fuels or makes use of a Category 3 open fire must comply with the Environmental Management Act and the Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation. Before lighting a Category 3 fire,
 - a. review “A Guide to the Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation” (particularly the information about prohibited materials): <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/air-land-water/air/air-pollution/smokeburning/regulations/openburningregulation>
7. The Environmental Management Act requires individuals to check local venting conditions prior to lighting a Category 3 open fire, to ensure that local conditions are suitable for burning. The venting index (sometimes called the ventilation index) is updated daily and is available at:
 - a. <https://www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/epdpa/venting/>



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