



News Release

No More Backyard Burning

Sechelt, BC – April 12, 2022 – Fire Chiefs from the Sunshine Coast Regional District's (SCRD) four volunteer fire departments are reminding residents that as of April 15, backyard burning is not allowed within the Fire Protection Areas of Egmont, Halfmoon Bay, Roberts Creek, Elphinstone and West Howe Sound.

In addition, backyard burning is not permitted in any portion of Electoral Area B (Halfmoon Bay), or Electoral Area D (Roberts Creek) outside of the Fire Protection Areas. The Town of Gibsons does not allow backyard burning or beach fires at any time.

Check out the [map linked here](#) which outlines Fire Protection Areas on the Sunshine Coast.

Residents who live in Sechelt or Pender Harbour are asked to contact their local fire department for outdoor burning regulations, as SCRD bylaws do not apply in those Fire Protection Areas.

“On behalf of the four Fire Chiefs, we are asking that residents follow this direction,” says Matt Treit, SCRD Manager of Protective Services. “It can take a matter of minutes for a backyard burn to get out of control –these restrictions are in place for your safety and the safety of those in your community.”

All burning must comply with local Fire Protection and Smoke Control Bylaws. Residents are encouraged to contact their local fire department for additional restrictions and/or clarifications.

Campfires (0.5 x 0.5 metres maximum) are currently allowed, unless banned by local fire departments during high risk periods.

Residents can self-haul and drop off green waste at no charge at the following locations:

- Town of Gibsons Public Works Yard at 915 Henry Road, Gibsons
- Pender Harbour Transfer Station at 5545 Garden Bay Road, Pender Harbour.
- Salish Soils at 5646 schetxwen Road, Sechelt.

Further information is available at www.scrd.ca/fire_rescue

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