



News Release

Ban on Campfires in Effect Thursday, August 4 at Noon

Sechelt, BC – August 3, 2022 – Fire Chiefs from all Sunshine Coast fire departments are advising residents that a campfire ban will be in effect as of 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Thursday, August 4 across the Sunshine Coast.

This includes all fires whether for warmth or cooking and all beach fires, burning barrels, fireworks, firecrackers and sky lanterns.

A great resource explaining the different categories of open burning is available [here online](#).

The campfire prohibition does not apply to cooking stoves that use gas, propane or briquettes, or portable campfire devices that use briquettes, liquid, or gaseous fuel, provided they are CSA or ULC approved, and the height of the flame is less than 15 centimetres.

This ban will be in place until October 28, 2022, or until the order is rescinded.

“We are seeing wildfires hit other parts of our Province right now and it’s hugely important that residents and visitors follow this ban to prevent the threat of wildfire on the Sunshine Coast,” says Matt Treit, Manager of Protective Services at the SCRD. “While we are hopeful that we won’t have an emergency situation on the Sunshine Coast, I want residents to know that through our emergency management program and local fire chiefs, we are prepared for wildfire with a community wildfire protection plan for the Region.”

Please contact your local fire department for more information at www.scrd.ca/fire_rescue

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