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Camp fire ban lifted for Campbell River

The Campbell River Fire Department has lifted the camp fire ban just in time for the Canada Day long weekend.

With the recent heavy rainfall and cooler temperatures, the fire danger rating in the Campbell River area has dropped, so people are once again permitted to have camp fires and beach fires.

“We appreciate everyone’s assistance in doing their part to prevent fires in our community, and remind everyone of the importance of making sure your camp or beach fire is a safe one,” says fire chief Thomas Doherty. *“We will continue to monitor conditions through the summer, and will implement another fire ban if necessary.”*

Starting today, residents can once again have recreational fires that are:

- for cooking or providing heat
- in a permanent outdoor fireplace, barbeque or fire pit not larger than 60 centimetres (24 inches) in diameter, and designed and constructed to confine the fire
- or within a fully enclosed burner or similar device
- with appropriate supervision and means of extinguishing the fire at hand
- beach fires below the high-tide line as fires are not allowed on public land, or private property other than your own.

Help prevent fire damage by checking local and provincial fire restrictions before lighting any fire – and by fully extinguishing camping and beach fires.

Activities that are currently prohibited by the BC Wildfire Service for the Coastal Fire Centre are category 2 open burning, burning barrels and cages, fireworks, fire crackers, sky lanterns and binary exploding targets.

For more information on fire safety, visit www.campbellriver.ca/fire. Find provincial fire ban information here <http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/Bans.asp>

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