



Port Alberni Fire Department

The following is a summary of City of Port Alberni Bylaw #4457 as it pertains to outdoor burning.

Outdoor burning between April 15th and October 15th

No outdoor fires will be permitted between April 15th and October 15th, with the exception of “social” fires that are pre-authorized by the Fire Chief.

Outdoor burning between October 15th and April 15th

Outdoor fires are permitted between October 15th and April 15th with the following restrictions.

- Open air burning is restricted to hand-piled fires only
- The use of incinerators or barrels is prohibited
- Fires must not be larger than one meter (3 feet) in diameter
- A competent adult must supervise the fire at all times
- The fire must be at least 3 meters (10 feet) from any grass, shrubbery, wooden fence or other combustible material. Burning must take place at least 6 meters (20 feet) from any building.
- Burning must take place during daylight hours
- Only clean, dry wood or vegetative material may be burned. Burning of all other material is prohibited.

Smoke from your fire can inadvertently affect others. Please share a good neighbour approach while burning. The best practice is to explore other options such as recycling, shredding or composting.

If you have any questions regarding the above regulations, call the Port Alberni Fire Department at 724-1351.

Burning of land clearing debris and/or demolition debris

Burning of land clearing debris and/or demolition debris is prohibited within the City of Port Alberni.

The Fire Department has the right to enter any premises to examine and extinguish a fire that is in violation of Bylaw #4457. Any person found in violation of this bylaw may be liable to a fine for each offence not exceeding two thousand (\$2,000) dollars or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both.

All outdoor fires must conform to the Environmental Management Act (Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation). For more information please contact the Ministry of Environment at 250-751-3100