

Campfire ban starts today

(Penticton, BC – May 7, 2026) – A ban on all open burning, including campfires and fireworks, came into effect at 12 p.m. on May 7 in the City of Penticton.

The City is implementing additional fire restrictions beyond those of the [Kamloops Fire Centre](#) due to local conditions and wildfire risk within Penticton. These precautions are being taken to help protect public safety and reduce the potential for fire starts in and around the community. The ban will be in effect until October or rescinded by Penticton Fire Department.

This ban does not restrict fires in cooking stoves using gas, propane or briquettes, or to a portable campfire apparatus with a CSA or ULC rating (providing the flame height does not exceed 15 centimeters). However, this ban does apply to portable wood-burning fireplaces and campfires.

As part of the fire ban, beach fire pits within the City of Penticton will be closed until restrictions are lifted.

Specifically, prohibited activities once the temporary ban takes effect will include:

- campfires, as defined in the wildfire regulation: www.gov.bc.ca/wildfirelegislation
- the burning of waste or other materials
- stubble or grass fires of any size over any area
- the use of fireworks, sky lanterns, tiki torches, chimineas, burning barrels or burning cages of any size or description
- the use of binary exploding targets (e.g., for target practice)
- the use of air curtain burners (forced air burning systems)

The City of Penticton reminds residents to be prepared for wildfire season by having an emergency plan in place and applying FireSmart principles to their home and properties. For further information or to receive a free home assessment contact firesmart@penticton.ca or visit www.penticton.ca/firesmart.

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