



Fire Ban in Effect

July 27, 2018 – Effective at 4:30 pm on Friday, July 27, 2018, all open fires (including campfires) will be prohibited within District of Kitimat boundaries to help prevent human-caused wildfires and protect public safety. The fire ban has been issued due to extreme fire rating conditions.

Other areas in the Northwest Fire Centre’s jurisdiction may not be subject to a fire ban at this time. The Fire Danger Rating throughout the Northwest Fire Centre is predominantly “high”, with pockets of “extreme”. The District of Kitimat is in one of those pockets of “extreme” and therefore, in consultation with the BC Forest Service, a fire ban was declared for the District of Kitimat.

Forest fuels across the Northwest are very dry and the fire risk is serious. New fires may start easily, burn vigorously, and challenge fire suppression efforts. Extreme caution must be used in any forest activities.

The fire ban will remain in effect until the public is otherwise notified.

Anyone found in contravention of an open burning prohibition may be issued a violation ticket for \$1,150, required to pay an administrative penalty of \$10,000 or, if convicted in court, fined up to \$100,000 and/or sentenced to one year in jail.

Thank you for your cooperation!