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NEWS RELEASE

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[Sooke, BC]

OPEN AIR BURNING AND CAMPFIRE BAN

The District of Sooke has issued an immediate ban on open air burning and campfires within the municipality effective at **noon on July 18, 2018**. This prohibition aligns with restrictions outlined by [The Coastal Fire Centre](#).

The ban applies to **ALL** open burning including campfires, beach fires and backyard fire pits within the District of Sooke. A reminder that burn barrels are prohibited year-round. Propane and gas fueled BBQ's/campfires are still permitted but are to be used with caution and only in appropriate areas.

We need your help. Residents and visitors are to be vigilant in ensuring that **ALL** smoking materials are fully and carefully extinguished and not tossed outside. Due to the potential of sparks, residents are also being asked to be cautious when using outdoor equipment such as chainsaws, lawnmowers and decorative torches.

This ban aims to prevent human-caused wildfires, protect our natural environment and ensure public safety. The ban will be in force until further notice. Updates will be posted in local media and on the District's website www.sooke.ca.

Please report any fires directly to 911, and any unauthorized activity that poses a risk of fire, to the Sooke Fire Rescue Department at 250.642.5422.

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