



BACKYARD BURNING

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Backyard Burning Season:

- November 1-April 30
- NO Burning Unless Venting Index is GOOD

Backyard burning is the burning of garden and yard debris.

It does NOT pertain to garbage or construction waste, which is prohibited.

Backyard burning is permitted:

- under adult supervision
- during daylight hours
- with a garden hose or water source nearby
- when the Venting Index is GOOD

More information:

- Refer to Bylaw No. 292 Fire Protection Services Bylaw
- Call 250.642.1634 to report burning concerns

In case of fire that is an immediate threat to life or property, always call 9-1-1.

FINES:

First Offense: \$200.00 | Second Offence: \$400.00

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ALLOWABLE PILE SIZE, ON A PROPERTY:

- Less than 2 acres: up to 6ft wide x 3ft high (2m x 1 m)
- 2-5 acres: up to 6ft wide x 6ft high (2m x 2m)
- 5+ acres: up to 9ft wide x 6ft high (3m x 2m)
- 10+ acres - Class A Land Clearing Permit required from Sooke Fire Department (\$50.00)

ALLOWABLE TIMES TO BURN:

- Sun up to sun down, **MUST** be completely extinguished by dusk
- Burning on a property **ANYWHERE** within the District of Sooke requires Venting Index for "SRN VAN ISLD" to be GOOD. Call 1.888.281.2992 and press "2" to verify the current venting index or find link at sooke.ca/burning

CHECK THE VENTING INDEX BEFORE YOU BURN!

PROHIBITED YEAR-ROUND:

- Burn barrels or incinerators
- Burning garbage
- Burning construction waste
- Burning treated lumber
- Burning paint or biochemical waste
- Burning fuel, paint or rubber
- Burning animal products
- Noxious fumes

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