

Category 3 Fire



- A Category 3 Fire is an open fire that burns:
 - material concurrently in 3 or more piles each not exceeding 2 metres in height and 3 metres in width
 - material in one or more piles each exceeding 2 metres in height or 3 metres in width
 - one or more windrows (row of cut hay or small grain crop)
 - stubble or grass over an area exceeding 0.2 hectares

Regulations

- A permit for a Category 3 fire is always required. Check local bans before lighting an open fire.”

Setbacks

- The Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation prescribes setbacks for Category 3 Fires.
- In the unlikely event where there is an exemption to the Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation. The minimum setbacks are 15 metres from any building, structure, fence, tree , hedge or property line.

Fire Operators

- Obtain a permit from the fire department.
 - Obtain a Burn Registration Number from the BC Wildfire Service 1-888-797-1717.
 - Ensure that every reasonable alternative for reducing, reusing or recycling the vegetative debris is used to minimize the amount of the vegetative debris to be open burned.
 - Follow the Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation, including the [Venting Index for Southern Vancouver Island](#) and the [Information Fact Sheet for All Open Burners](#).
 - Avoid conducting an open fire when it’s windy.
 - Do not burn green debris or leaves.
 - Do not use an open fire for the disposal of domestic waste or prohibited materials.
 - Never leave an open fire unattended.
 - Never ignite a Category 3 fire if a prohibition has been established.
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