

Category 2 Fire



- A Category 2 fire is larger than a campfire and used for disposing of vegetative debris.
- This category refers to open fires, other than a campfire, that burn:
 - Material in one pile not exceeding 2 metres in height and 3 metres in width.
 - Material concurrently in two piles, each not exceeding 2 metres in height and 3 metres in width.
 - Stubble or grass over an area that does not exceed 0.2 hectares.

Open Burn Smoke Control Regulations (OBSCR)

The [Provincial Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation](#) (OBSCR), are to be followed, where applicable.

- If required, follow the Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation, including the [Venting Index for Southern Vancouver Island](#) and the [Information Fact Sheet for All Open Burners](#).
- If all the vegetative debris is under 3 cm in diameter, an operator is exempt from the OBSCR.
- If all vegetative debris is between 3 cm and 10 cm in diameter, the operator is exempt from most sections of the OBSCR with the following conditions:
 - The collected debris is from within 5 km of the burn site and there are no burn bans.

Setbacks

- At least 10 metres from any building, structure, fence, tree or hedge, or property line.

Fire

- Obtain a permit from the fire department if required for the service area.
- Ensure that every reasonable alternative for reducing, reusing or recycling the vegetative debris is used to minimize the amount being burned.
- 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 2 fire if a ban has been established.