

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 or hedge.

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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