



OUTDOOR BURNING INFORMATION & OPTIONS FOR CLEAN AIR

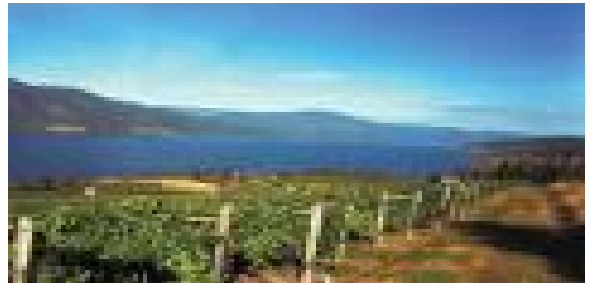
Kelowna, Peachland, Lake Country & all areas
of the Regional District of Central Okanagan

Our community cares about clean air. Outdoor burning regulations provide residents greater protection from the impact of concentrated smoke.

Important: Outdoor burning may only occur with a special permit from your local fire department (some outlying areas may only require a Registration Number from the Ministry of Forests, see below in ‘Permits Required’ section). Only those residents that have properties greater than 1 hectare (2.5 acres) are eligible to apply for an outdoor burning permit within the Central Okanagan (Peachland and Lake Country residents are exempt from the property size rule). Outdoor burning may only occur when Air Quality and Venting conditions are rated “good”.

Burning Season

Permits for outdoor burning may be available between October 15 and April 15; however, due to possible hazardous conditions these dates may change.



Outdoor Burning Hotline

If you have a valid permit, you may call the hotline to determine if outdoor burning is allowed on that particular day. Simply call Environment Canada’s information line at: 470-5155, then the prompts: Select 1, then 2.

Permits Required

Anyone who conducts outdoor burning requires a valid permit from your local fire department or a Registration Number from the Ministry of Forests. Please note that a site inspection is required as part of the permit process within the City of Kelowna and may be required in other areas. To obtain a permit or Ministry of Forests Registration Number please contact the applicable authority for your area:

- City of Kelowna, call the Kelowna Fire Department at 469-8801
- Westside Fire Protection District, call the Westside Fire Department at 768-5616
- District of Lake Country, call the Lake Country Fire Department at 766-2327
- Municipality of Peachland, call the Peachland Fire Department at 767-2841
- North Westside Road, call the North Westside Fire Department at 545-1195 and Ministry of Forests for a Registration Number at 1-888-797-1717
- For all other areas, please call the Ministry of Forests for a Registration Number at 1-888-797-1717

Fines

If you are caught without a Burning Permit or breaking the rules of your permit you may be fined or charged for the cost of the Fire Call or the cost of putting out the fire.

Alternatives to Burning

Agriculturists and residents are encouraged to take advantage of other options such as flail mowing, chipping or trench burning.

Good Burning Practices

- Call the Hotline to make sure burning is permitted on that day. Phone 470-5155, then the prompts: Select 1, then 2.
- Stumps and branches over 8” in diameter must be dried for a minimum of two years in accordance with local bylaws.
- Ensure to dry prunings and small branches before burning.
- Make smaller piles, with good air ventilation for efficient burning.
- Check wind direction to keep smoke away from neighbours.

Trench burning utilizes forced air to burn wood faster and with less smoke. Contact your local Fire Dept. to learn more about forced air incineration options for burning agricultural or land clearing wood waste.

Agricultural Chipping Program

The Regional District of Central Okanagan is offering a free program in 2005/06 for Central Okanagan orchardists who want to chip wood waste material that has come from an orchard removal. This type of debris typically includes stumps and branches. Call Regional Air Quality Coordinator Corey Davis (469-8984) at City Hall to register for this program.

Wood Grinding Companies

The following companies grind stumps, whole trees and other wood wastes:

Huska Holdings: 250 762-4028

AB Contracting: 250 398-0440

North Okanagan Grinding: 250 546-6736

Lawrence Ent.: 250 765-9860



Portable Chipper Rentals

Wood chippers that can chip branches up to 6” or 12” in diameter are available from several local rental companies. These chippers are portable so they can be towed behind your vehicle.

Mainline Rent-All (12”) 250 860-3510

Westside Rentals (6”) 250 768-7606

Mark Turton (12”) and Flail Mowing: 763-7797

Tree Service Contractors

There are several companies you can hire to chip wood waste material. Please check the Yellow Pages of the phone book under “Tree Service”.

Compost at Landfills

Yard waste and prunings (under 8” diameter) weighing less than 250 kg (550 lb) can be dropped off at the Westside or Glenmore Landfills for free. Loads weighing more than 250 kg will be charged \$25.00/tonne. Prunings can be dropped off for free at the Peachland Compost Site.

Fall Curbside Yard Waste Pickup

Consult the Regional Waste Reduction Office Calendar of Events or the Yard Waste pages on the Regional District website. Fall Collection dates are scheduled October 10th through November 25th. Call the Regional Waste Reduction Office at 469-6250.

For more information, contact the Regional Air Quality Program; a joint program of the Regional District of Central Okanagan, City of Kelowna and District of Peachland.

Phone: 469-8984 Email: cdavis@kelowna.ca

Web Site: www.kelowna.ca or www.regionaldistrict.com

