



# Corporation of the Village of Cumberland

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Rural Cumberland Fire Protection Service Area  
Yard Waste Burning Permit

Expires: April 30, \_\_\_\_\_  
Permit Period: October 15 to April 30

Address/Location of Fire: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant (please print): \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Landowner/Agent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Landowner/Agent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Terms and Conditions of Permit – PLEASE READ

1. CVRD *Rural Cumberland Fire Service Regulations Bylaw No. 258, 2013* applies to this permit.
2. The applicant is responsible for fires authorized by this permit and must be equipped with a source of water or equipment to extinguish the fire at all times.
3. Fires must be a maximum of 1metre diameter in size.
4. Fires must be completely extinguished by sunset on the day they are ignited.
5. Fires must be at least 3 metres from standing timber, brush, flammable material, and any property line.
6. The applicant must burn only dry vegetative matter originating on the parcel, which is fed to the fire so that rapid ignition and burning occurs.
7. The applicant must take precautions to prevent smoke from being generated or becoming a nuisance.
8. Fires may not be ignited and must be extinguished if the fire creates a hazard, e.g. during high winds.
9. The applicant is responsible for all costs incurred to suppress any fire that escapes or threatens to escape.
10. This permit may be cancelled or suspended by the Fire Chief at any time.

**Any person who violates any provisions of this permit is liable for applicable fines, fees and charges.**

By my signature, I declare that I understand and will comply with the terms and conditions set out above and in the *Rural Cumberland Fire Service Regulations Bylaw No. 258, 2013*.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Witness Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Permit issued by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fire Chief

**Freedom of Information Notice:** Personal information is collected by the Village of Cumberland pursuant to the *Freedom of Information and Protection Privacy Act* for the purpose of processing a permit and for law enforcement and may be disclosed for the purpose it was obtained. Please direct any questions to the Deputy Corporate Officer at 250-336-2291.

## Fire Prevention Regulations

16. (1) A person may apply to the fire chief for a permit to carry out open burning and the fire chief is authorized to issue the permit where he or she considers that:
  - (a) the open burning does not create an unreasonable risk to the land or premises or surrounding lands;
  - (b) because of the location of the land on which the burning is to occur, the open burning will not unreasonably impair air quality of the surrounding lands.
- (2) In issuing a permit under 16(1), the fire chief may impose one or more of the following conditions
  - (a) limit the duration of the burning;
  - (b) limit the size of the burning;
  - (c) limit the amount or type of material that may be burned; and
  - (d) precautions to be observed during burning.
- (3) The fire chief may withhold any permit or cancel any permit when in his opinion the igniting of a fire may create a hazard to persons or property.
- (4) No person shall burn any garbage, animal waste, rubber, tires, oil, tar, asphalt shingles, battery boxes, plastic material, or any other materials which produce heavy black smoke or create a noxious odour.
- (5) Permits are required at all times for campfires.
- (6) Open burning is only permitted from October 15 to April 30 and requires a permit, unless a notice is published or posted under section 17.
- (7) Permits are required at all times for the burning of debris that results from land clearing activities.
- (8) All fires must be attended by a competent person at least 16 years old who shall supervise any burning and shall ensure that sufficient equipment, functioning hoses, tools and material in order to contain the fire and extinguish it if necessary, are available.
- (9) A person who is issued a permit for burning debris from land clearing activities under section 16(7) shall be charged a cost of \$500.

### Cancellation, modification and suspension of permits

17. (1) At any time, the fire chief or an officer may, on account of hazardous fire conditions, cancel or suspend any permit issued under this bylaw, or may impose such further regulations, terms, conditions, restrictions and provisions on the

permit as the fire chief or officer deems necessary.

- (2) Despite any other provision of this bylaw, where the fire chief determines or identifies that hazardous fire conditions exist, the fire chief may order a suspension or total ban on open air burning, at any time and for any duration. A person must not light, ignite, start, maintain or allow or cause to be lighted, ignited, started or maintained any fire in contravention of the fire chief's order under this section.
- (3) A permit holder who fails to comply with the conditions of a permit must, upon direction of the fire chief or person acting under the authority of the fire chief, immediately extinguish any and all fires. If the permit holder fails to extinguish the fire(s) as directed, the fire chief or person acting under this or her authority may cause the fire(s) to be extinguished.

### Burning restrictions

18. (1) A person must not light, ignite, start, maintain or allow or cause to be lighted, ignited, started or maintained a campfire, or permit smoke to emanate from a campfire, unless:
  - (a) the only materials burned in the campfire are dry, seasoned wood;
  - (b) the campfire is continuously controlled and supervised by a competent person equipped with extinguishing equipment and materials; and
  - (c) the smoke from the campfire does not create a nuisance.
- (2) A permit holder must not burn prohibited material as defined under the British Columbia Ministry of Environment "Open Burning Smoke Control Regulations" under the *Environmental Management Act*.
- (3) Every permit holder must ensure that a permitted fire that is smouldering or burning is under the immediate care and control of a competent person who has been provided with sufficient equipment to prevent the fire from burning out of control, causing damage or becoming dangerous to life and property.

See the *Rural Cumberland Fire Service Regulations Bylaw No. 258, 2013* for complete information.