

AVOID BURNING WHERE POSSIBLE

Residents are encouraged to take advantage of other options to outdoor burning such as chipping, composting and hugelkultur beds. Tree branches (2" and under) and yard waste is accepted for free at the Landfill

Alberni Valley Landfill

7080 McCoy Lake Road
250-723-1059



For an example of Hugelkultur please visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qaVdnYG8ZMw>

Backyard burning takes place right where we live and breathe. The smoke and gases released by open fires, exposes you and your neighbors to high concentrations of pollutants and can stay in the air for several hours, sometimes for days. Backyard burning is harmful to your health and the environment.

ONLINE INFORMATION

BC Air Quality Website
www.bcairquality.ca

BC Wildfire Service
www.bcwildfire

Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Website
www.acrd.bc.ca



Outdoor Burning Information

Open Burning

Regulations and Guidelines
for the

*Rural Areas of the
Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District*

ALTERNATIVES & BEST PRACTICES

*Acceptable air quality is everyone's right.
Protecting air quality is everyone's responsibility.*

ILLEGAL MATERIALS

It is illegal to open burn prohibited materials as laid out in the *Provincial Waste Discharge Regulation of the Environmental Management Act*. **Never burn:**

- ♦ Garbage, plastics, batteries, painted wood, materials containing rubber, grease or made from other petroleum based products such as tires.

All release dioxins and furans, which are very toxic to you and the environment.

For a complete list of prohibited materials:

http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/320_2004#Schedule1

To report the illegal burning of prohibited materials, contact the **RAPP** line (Report All Poachers and Polluters): <https://forms.gov.bc.ca/environment/rapp/> or **1-877-952-7277**

Reduce waste at its source by purchasing items with minimal or no packaging. Take advantage of **RECYCLING all accepted materials** through the curbside recycling program and at your community recycling depots:

AV LANDFILL: 7080 McCoy Lake Rd.

ACRD RECYCLING DEPOT: 3620 3rd Ave.

WHAT OPEN BURNING REQUIRES A PERMIT?

Bamfield Fire Service Area is the only area within the ACRD district that requires a burning permit which is issued by the Fire Chief. All other areas do not require a permit and only permit burning of garden waste, piles no larger than 6 feet high by 9 feet across.

IF YOU BURN, BURN IT RIGHT!

- ♦ Burn small, hot, and controlled fires with good air ventilation.
- ♦ Don't start fires with diesel or other fuel.
- ♦ Do not burn wood material laden with salt from exposure to sea water.
- ♦ Don't burn when the smoke won't dissipate from the area, such as on cold, clear and calm nights.
- ♦ Follow the burning window for residential burning, **10 am - 6 pm**.
- ♦ Make sure any materials to be burned are well cured, free of soils, and dry. Burn hot, burn clean.
- ♦ Burn only during good venting conditions.

For more information on backyard burning, visit the **BC Air Quality website:**

<http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/bcairquality/topics/backyard-burning.html>

When using a wood stove or fireplace, make sure the combustion is efficient so that it releases the least possible amount of smoke. Ensure that your wood is properly seasoned in a dry place for at least six months.

WOOD STOVE EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Exchange your old, uncertified woodstove (pre-1994) for a new CSA-EPA emissions-certified wood, pellet, or gas heating appliance and **SAVE \$400!** Receive a \$250 program rebate and a \$150 retailer discount at participating retailers. This offer applies to residents of the ACRD district and is valid from **Jan 31-Sept 30, 2017**. (44 rebates available)

WHAT TYPES OF OPEN BURNING ARE ALLOWED?

CAMPFIRE Any fire smaller than 0.5 meters high by 0.5 meters wide. Always check to see if there are any campfire bans currently in affect.

CATEGORY 2 FIRE Up to 2 concurrently burning piles no larger than 2 meters high by 3 meters wide. Stubble or grass burning over an area less than 0.2 hectares. A fuel break must be established. Check to see if any bans are in affect prior to burning.

CATEGORY 3 FIRE Any fire larger than 2 meters high by 3 meters wide, 3 or more concurrently piles no larger than 2 meters high by 3 meters wide, 1 or more burning windows, stubble or grass burning over an area greater than 0.2 hectares. You must have a registration number to light a Category 3 open fire. Call **1-888-797-1717** to obtain one.

BURN ONLY DURING GOOD VENTING CONDITIONS

Never burn in strong winds. Do not conduct Category 2 or 3 burns when venting conditions are "poor" or "fair". Always check the **Venting Index** first to see if the local air conditions are appropriate for burning and follow the rules.

The **Vancouver Island hotline** can be accessed at **1-888-281-2992**.