



## News Release

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### **Campfires Banned in Central Okanagan Regional District**

A campfire ban is now in effect in all Central Okanagan municipalities.

Local fire chiefs have implemented the total ban on campfires within all local government jurisdictions of the Regional District of Central Okanagan, including the City of Kelowna, District of West Kelowna, District of Lake Country, District of Peachland and the Central Okanagan East and West Electoral Areas.

Open burning has not been allowed within any jurisdiction of the Regional District and member municipalities since April 30<sup>th</sup>.

As well, local bylaws prohibit the use of any fireworks at any time throughout the Central Okanagan.

Violator's could receive a fine and be charged the cost of the fire department response to a burning complaint. Residents are encouraged to report anyone who is illegally burning by calling the Kelowna Fire Department at 250-469-8801.

The Ministry of Forests has advised that effective Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup> it will institute a complete ban on open fires within BC Parks and all public Crown lands within the Kamloops Fire Centre. This is in addition to campfire bans already in place within Fintry Provincial Park and Myra-Bellevue Provincial Park.

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