



LILLOOET FIRE DEPARTMENT

It is that time of year when we are eager to get out and tidy up our yards, raking, trimming, thinning and piling. Now comes a decision: recycle or burn? Recycling is always the best option but there are times when this may not be possible.

If you must burn your yard waste here are a few things you need to know:

- The material has to have originated on the property.
- Material may not be *contaminated* or *prohibited* and should be dry so as not to produce excessive smoke.
- Pile is 1 meter by 1 meter in size or smaller and has a fuel free area around it.
- Pile is located a safe distance from combustibile material and from property lines.
- Resources are immediately available to extinguish the fire. (Hand tools and water)
- The fire is never left unattended.
- The [venting index](#) is rated as "good" Kamloops and/or Fraser Canyon region.
- The fire is extinguished by nightfall.



More detailed information is available on our District website under "[District of Lillooet Fire Department Establishment and Fire and Safety Regulation Bylaw No. 202, 2004](#)" and the [B.C. Environmental Management Act "Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation"](#).

It should be noted that in an effort to maintain and improve the health of Lillooet residents, the District of Lillooet will be stepping up efforts to reduce the amount of burning that takes place outside of acceptable venting conditions. Venting conditions are extremely important as this is the atmospheric condition that disperses the products of combustion.

Remember if you see someone burning, it does not necessarily mean that it is a good venting day! Check the [Venting index online](#) at: lillooetbc.ca; Lillooet's venting index is represented on this page by either Kamloops or Fraser Canyon, make sure venting index is rated as "good" before your burn.

Enjoy the weather and consider your options before you burn.

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