



TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT
BURNING INFORMATION

QUESTIONS?

Contact Esquimalt Fire Rescue Services for permits, questions and fire prevention information.

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Esquimalt Fire Rescue Services is the first on scene at residential and commercial structure fires, motor vehicle accidents, medical emergencies, hazardous materials incidents and technical rescue calls.

When dealing with emergencies, we believe the best course of action is to prevent these emergencies from happening, which is why you'll find us working with the community to promote home and personal fire safety.

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OUTDOOR BURNING INFORMATION



**ESQUIMALT FIRE
RESCUE SERVICES**

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FIRE PROTECTION & CONTROL BYLAW NO. 2783

Section 38. (1) No person shall at any time within the Municipality light, ignite, start, or maintain, or knowingly permit, allow or cause to be lit, ignited, started or maintained, any fire of any kind whatsoever in the open air or in an appliance, container, or device in the open air, without first having obtained a permit from the Fire Chief.

(2) Except as provided in this Bylaw, no person shall burn any of the following materials in a solid fuel burning device, a domestic incinerator or in an open-air fire:

- (i) treated wood
- (ii) plastic or rubber products
- (iii) garbage
- (iv) garden refuse
- (v) construction or demolition waste
- (vi) animal organic waste
- (vii) paints or solvents
- (viii) paper products, other than to start a fire; or
- (ix) dangerous goods.

(3) The burning of construction or demolition waste is prohibited.

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(4) The Fire Chief may issue a permit on such terms and conditions he/she feels are reasonably necessary for the protection of safety for open air fires for the purpose of:

- (i) disease and pest control.
- (ii) fire suppression training.
- (iii) ethnic and cultural observances; and
- (iv) special events.

(5) The Fire Chief may, where he/she deems it expedient to do so, order that no burning is to occur within the Municipality for an indefinite or a specified period of time, and any previously issued permits cease to be effective as of the date of such order.

(6) Notwithstanding clause (1), an outdoor appliance that uses charcoal briquettes or is fueled by and burns natural gas or propane, for residential use only is permitted without a permit provided that it sits on a firm non-combustible base.

(7) This Bylaw shall not apply to burning by the Municipality for municipal purposes or Fire Department training, or to the burning of natural gas or propane in an appliance or device that is regulated by the gas regulatory authority.

Section	Description	Penalty	Early payment	Late payment
38 (1)	Have open air fire without permit	\$100	\$75	\$125
38 (2)	Burn prohibited material	\$100	\$75	\$125
39	Fail to ensure competent person/ necessary equipment at fire	\$100	\$75	\$125
40	Have fire too close to building/ combustible material	\$200	\$150	\$250
41	Nuisance fire	\$100	\$75	\$125
42	Foreshore fire w/o permit/contrary to conditions of permit.	\$200	\$150	\$250



OUTDOOR BURNING & PERMIT PROCESS:

Outdoor burning is not permitted in the Township of Esquimalt. This means backyard fires, fire pits, chimineas, and any other type of outdoor burning other than propane or natural gas fire pits are not allowed.

However, an Open Burning Permit may be applied for certain special events and religious ceremonies.

FIREWORKS & PERMIT PROCESS:

Fireworks Bylaw governs the sale and discharge of fireworks.

Permits for fireworks may be applied for no less than 30 days prior to the intended date with proof of a valid Fireworks Supervisor Certificate.

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