

PIB FIRE RESTRICTIONS & NO OFF-ROADING

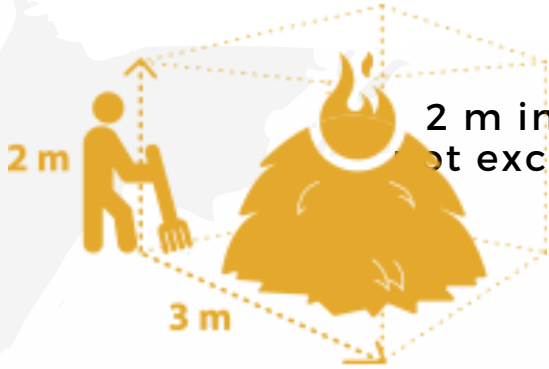


PIB EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE (PIBEOC)



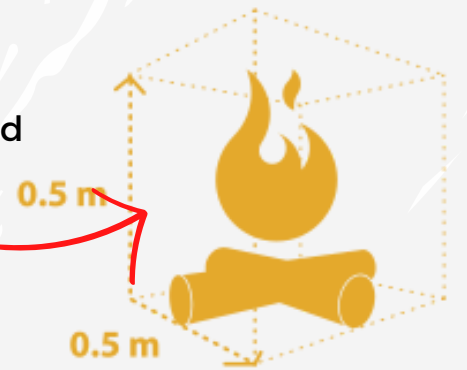
EFFECTIVE MAY 17, 2024 CATEGORY 2 FIRE RESTRICTIONS AND OFFROADING ACTIVITIES ARE NOW PROHIBITED

Specifically, this prohibition refers to the following activities:



“Category 2 open fire” which means an open fire, other than a category 1 campfire, that Burns material in one pile not exceeding 2 m in height and 3 m in width; Burns material concurrently in 2 piles each not exceeding 2 m in height and 3 m in width; or Burns stubble or grass over an area that does not exceed 0.2 ha.

“Category 3 open fire” which means an open fire that burns: Material concurrently in 3 or more piles each not exceeding 2 m in height and 3 m in width; Material in one or more piles each exceeding 2 m in height or 3 m in width; One or more windrows, each not exceeding 200 m in length or 15 m in width; or Stubble or grass over an area exceeding 0.2ha.



Also prohibited are the activities listed below

- Fireworks;
- Sky Lanterns;
- Binary Exploding Targets;
- Air Curtain Burners; and,
- Burn Barrels or Burn Cages of any size or description; except when used for a Category 1 campfire

The Penticton Indian Band Chief and Council and EOC authorize the Fire Department to attend any reported fire, within any property and put out any open flame for the safety of the Community.

The cultural practice of ceremonial fires in the event of a passing and food preservation will be respected. Please contact the Penticton Indian Band Administrator, Chief Greg Gabriel or the Penticton Indian Band Fire Department, Interim Fire Chief Chris Ingle to discuss fire smart practices to ensure the continued Community Safety against wildfire.

The Fire Ban will be reviewed by the Penticton Indian Band Chief and Council in the coming months.

EFFECTIVE MAY 3, 2024 THERE IS A BAN ON ALL OFFROADING ACTIVITIES!!!!

SPECIFICALLY PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- 1.ATV'ing in back country/off main roads
- 2.SxS'ing in back country / off main roads
- 3.Motorcycling in back country/off main roads
- 4.Driving in back country/off main roads



The Okanagan area is experiencing an early dry spring and we anticipate that we will have a very dry summer. These types of temperatures quickly dry out vegetation and significantly increase the threat of fire caused by:

- 1.Tire rims hitting rocks and producing sparks
- 2.Hot exhausts touching dry vegetation
- 3.Smokeable substances being thrown out of vehicles or put out carelessly

Please be advised that, motorized vehicles, particularly all-terrain vehicles and dirt bikes, can produce a significant amount of heat from their exhaust systems. This heat can be enough to create a spark and a cause a wildfire. PLEASE Avoid operating any motorized vehicle in tall grass and vegetation when the weather is hot and dry.

This ban will is effect as of Friday May 3rd, 2024 and be reviewed in the coming months.

TO REPORT ANY FIRES, DANGERS, SMOKE OR SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES PLEASE CALL 911.

WE MUST WORK TOGETHER TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE FROM THE THREAT OF FIRE. WE ARE STRONGER TOGETHER.

Types of Open Fire

CATEGORY 2

A “category 2 open fire” means an open fire, other than a category 1 campfire, that burns:

- material in one pile not exceeding 2 metres in height and 3 metres in width,
- material concurrently in two piles each not exceeding 2 metres in height and 3 metres in width,
- stubble or grass over an area that does not exceed 0.2 hectares.

Ensure someone is always monitoring the fire so it doesn't spread. At least one person equipped with a fire-fighting hand tool must monitor the fire at all times.

Have an adequate fire suppression system available at the burn site for fire control if the fire escapes.

Establish and maintain a fuel break around each area to be burned. If the fire spreads beyond the fuel break, the person who lit, fueled or used the open fire must:

- carry out fire control immediately,
- extinguish the fire if practicable, and
- report the fire to a ministry official, peace officer or fire emergency response agency as soon as possible.

Always check for open fire prohibitions or restrictions before engaging in any activity that could potentially cause a wildfire.

Ensure you comply with the Environmental Management Act and Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation.

Do not burn when venting conditions are poor or fair.

Do not leave the fire unattended for any amount of time.

The person who lights or maintains the fire must ensure that the fire is fully extinguished and the ashes are cold to the touch before leaving the area for any length of time.

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KNOW SOMETHING

SAY SOMETHING



IF you see or hear things that appear out of the ordinary, contact RCMP (250) 492-4300 or call 911

- To report immediate threats or emergencies **CALL 911**
- To report suspicious activity or behaviour **CALL 911**
- To report Fire call **911**
- To report a wildfire call ***5555**



Types of Open Fire

CATEGORY 3

A "category 3 open fire" means a fire that burns:

- material concurrently in three or more piles, each not exceeding 2 metres in height and 3 metres in width,
- material in one or more piles each exceeding 2 metres in height or 3 metres in width,
- one or more windrows each not exceeding 200 metres in length or 15 metres in width, or
- stubble or grass over an area exceeding 0.2 hectares.

Establish and maintain a fuel break around each pile, windrow, or grass or stubble area to be burned.

If the fire spreads beyond the fuel break, the person who lit, fueled or used the open fire must:

- carry out fire control immediately,
- extinguish the fire if practicable, and
- report the fire to a ministry official, peace officer or fire emergency response agency as soon as possible.



Anyone lighting a category 3 fire must first obtain a burn registration number by calling **1 888 797-1717**.



Ensure you comply with the Environmental Management Act and Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation.



Do not burn when venting conditions are poor or fair.



Ensure someone is always monitoring the fire so it doesn't spread beyond the fuel break. At least one person equipped with a fire-fighting hand tool must monitor the fire at all times.



A person who lights, fuels or uses a category 3 open fire on a burn area must ensure that the category 3 open fire is extinguished by the date specified by the official or person who issued the burn registration number.

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