

## INTERFACE FIRE PREVENTION AND PREPAREDNESS



Extended warm, dry weather conditions increase the possibility of wildfire activity. Everyone should be extra cautious and mindful when enjoying outdoor summer activities.

If you are planning to hike, camp or participate in other back country activities, be sure to check the latest information on any travel restrictions and fire bans. Know the fire danger rating before heading out.

Make sure your campfire is completely extinguished and the embers are cold before leaving your campsite. Also ensure cigarette butts are put out properly in an ashtray and not tossed away carelessly.

If you spot a wildfire, report it as soon as possible by calling 1-800-663-5555 or \*5555 on your cell phone.

If you live in or near a forested area, or in an interface zone, make sure your home is protected by removing debris from the roof and maintaining a safety zone around your house clear of flammable debris, shrubs or trees. Move other flammable materials like wood piles or propane tanks well away from your house and outbuildings.

Check your home insurance policy to make sure that you have the appropriate coverage. Now is also a good time to ensure that you have a family emergency kit and be prepared in case you are required to leave your home on short notice.

### Information Links:

Ministry of Forests and Range Protection <http://www.bcwildfire.ca/>

Fire Danger Rating [http://bcwildfire.ca/Weather/Maps/danger\\_rating.htm](http://bcwildfire.ca/Weather/Maps/danger_rating.htm)

Homeowners FireSmart Manual

<http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/firecom/pdf/homeowner-firesmart.pdf>

Personal Emergency Preparedness

[http://www.pep.bc.ca/hazard\\_preparedness/Personal\\_Safety.html](http://www.pep.bc.ca/hazard_preparedness/Personal_Safety.html)

Evacuation Information

[http://www.pep.bc.ca/hazard\\_preparedness/Wildfire\\_Information.html](http://www.pep.bc.ca/hazard_preparedness/Wildfire_Information.html)

Office of the Fire Commissioner <http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/firecom/>