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SAFETY ALERT

Inspect Winter Burn Piles: BC Wildfire Service

Mar. 24, 2025 - As BC enters into spring conditions and snow-free ground increasingly appears, BC Wildfire Service is urging anyone who conducted pile burning over the winter to thoroughly inspect their burn site(s) to ensure any remaining hot spots have been fully extinguished.

It is possible for winter burn piles to burn deep into the ground and smolder undetected until they re-emerge at the surface, potentially causing a wildfire.

Any person conducting an open burn is responsible for ensuring the burn is carried out safely and in accordance with the Wildfire Act and regulations, Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation and any local government bylaws.

It is also the responsibility of each person to inform themselves of any new [prohibition orders](#) which may come into effect during the fire season within a given fire centre's region.

See the map on page 2 to learn which Fire Centre is nearest your location.

Resources:

- [BC Wildfire Service Blog](#) - Explore publicly issued bulletins, updates on wildfire activity across B.C. and other wildfire information.
- [Open Fire and Safe Burning](#) - Information on the different categories of open burning and when a person is required to register their burn, can be found on this website.
- [Wildfire Prevention for Industry](#) - Industry in British Columbia has, under the Wildfire Act and Wildfire Regulation, legal obligations and responsibilities with respect to fire use, prevention, control, and rehabilitation.
- [FireSmart BC's Wildfire Mitigation Program](#) - For residents seeking a free property assessment to identify wildfire risks and mitigation strategies.
- **Report a Wildfire:** 1-800-663-5555 or *5555 on a cell.

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BC Wildfire Service - Regional Fire Centre Contacts

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Prince George Fire Centre	250-561-4629	BCWS.PGFCInformationOfficer@gov.bc.ca
Cariboo Fire Centre	778-799-2100	BCWS.CAFCInformationOfficer@gov.bc.ca
Southeast Fire Centre	250-318-7715	BCWS.SEFCInformationOfficer@gov.bc.ca
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Coastal Fire Centre	250-951-4209	BCWS.COFCInformationOfficer@gov.bc.ca

Map of Regional Fire Centre Locations:

