

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN



INFORMATION RELEASE

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RDOS introduces new burn authorization process

The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) is introducing a new streamlined process for five Regional District Volunteer Fire Departments. At the September 17, 2020 board meeting, the RDOS board of directors adopted the Open Burning Regulations Bylaw No. 2898, 2020.

Summary of changes:

- Anarchist Mountain Volunteer Fire Department is now included
- Streamlined process for requesting burn authorization, saving time for residents and fire chiefs
- Electronic authorization delivered via email
- Removes requirement for a permit fee
- Expanded list of Prohibited Burning Materials to be consistent with the Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation and Waste Management Regulation
- Definitions are consistent with Provincial legislation

The RDOS is reminding residents to review burning regulations (listed below and on the application) before completing the Burn Authorization application. “It’s important for property owners to consider their neighbours and the environment before burning,” says RDOS Chair Karla Kozakevich. “You may want to look at other options such as chipping or taking material to the landfill.”

To access the [Burn Authorization application](#), please visit www.rdos.bc.ca

If you have questions about the process, please contact your local fire department:

Anarchist Mountain	firechief@amfd.org	778-739-0123
Kaleden	kaledenfire@shaw.ca	250-497-8231
Naramata	naramatafire@shaw.ca	250-496-5319
Okanagan Falls	okfire@shaw.ca	250-497-5700
Willowbrook	Tony.lannella.wvfd@hotmail.com	250-498-2441

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For further information, please call 250-492-0237 or email info@rdos.bc.ca

Karla Kozakevich, Chair
Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen

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Wildfire Regulation

https://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/38_2005#section1

Smoke Control Regulation

https://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/lc/statreg/152_2019

Province of British Columbia Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation 'Factsheet'

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/air-land-water/air/factsheets/obscr_general_factsheet.pdf

Example Burn Authorization Application



BURN AUTHORIZATION APPLICATION

Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen

ALL FIELDS OF THIS FORM ARE REQUIRED TO BE COMPLETED

OWNER'S NAME (First and Last) <small>(only legal property owner may obtain authorization)</small>	
MAILING ADDRESS	
<small>Include Postal Code</small>	
CIVIC ADDRESS OF BURN LOCATION	
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF BURN LOCATION	
PROPERTY TYPE	<input type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Orchard <input type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Vineyard <input type="checkbox"/> Ranch <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
EMAIL ADDRESS	
TELEPHONE NUMBER	
CELL PHONE NUMBER <small>(must be present on site and operational during burning)</small>	
FIRE PROTECTION AREA <small>(select your fire protection area)</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> Anarchist Mountain <input type="checkbox"/> Kaleden <input type="checkbox"/> Naramata <input type="checkbox"/> Okanagan Falls <input type="checkbox"/> Willowbrook
INDICATE WHAT YOU WILL BE BURNING	<input type="checkbox"/> Prunings < and > 3 cm diameter <input type="checkbox"/> Tree stumps <input type="checkbox"/> Full tree removal <input type="checkbox"/> Other – list materials you will be burning <input type="checkbox"/> I will be burning: (list items in the box below)

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA WILDFIRE ACT – WILDFIRE REGULATION	Province of British Columbia <i>Wildfire Regulation</i> , as amended from time to time and with the following regulations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Only permitted burning materials shall be burned ➢ Compostable material shall not be burned ➢ Prohibited burning materials shall not be burned ➢ The use of burn barrels is prohibited ➢ Igniting of fireworks is prohibited outside of burn season and where local government bylaws apply ➢ Torches, including decorative patio torches, are prohibited outside of burn season <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> I understand and will comply to the above regulations </div>
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA OPEN BURNING SMOKE CONTROL REGULATION	Province of British Columbia Smoke Control Regulation <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> I have read and will comply with the Smoke Control Regulations </div> Province of British Columbia Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation 'Factsheet' <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> I have read and understand the 'Factsheet' </div>
RDOS OPEN BURNING BYLAW	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> I have read and will comply with the RDOS Open Burning Bylaw </div>
Site Inspections	All requests for approval for open burning may be subject to a site inspection by the Fire Chief <input type="checkbox"/> I understand
NO BURNING PERMITTED APRIL 15 THROUGH OCTOBER 15 EACH YEAR	<input type="checkbox"/> I will comply
VENTING INDEX	Check venting index prior to burning, by calling 250-490-4125 <input type="checkbox"/> I understand

Submitting this form is equivalent to providing a handwritten signature.

By checking the above boxes I acknowledge that I have reviewed all legislation, that I accept the responsibilities required of me and understand that by submitting this form, I am responsible for any infractions, contraventions or incidents resulting from any burning or fires on my property. I have adequate firefighting hand tools and adequate water available on site.

OWNER'S NAME (First and Last)	
CIVIC ADDRESS	
Please review your application before you 'Submit'	<input type="checkbox"/> Submit this application to my local Fire Department

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