

City of Nanaimo and Protection Island Open Burning Checklist

Are you:

- On an acre or more of property? (If no, Open burning is prohibited)
- OR on Protection Island?

Is it:

- November or April?
- Friday or Saturday
- Between sunrise and sunset?

Have you:

- Obtained a burning permit? (Call the Nanaimo Fire Rescue Department at 250-753-7311 (Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm), or fill out an online application here: ([Online Burn Permit Application](#)).
- Checked today's venting index on the interactive map? ([Vent index Interactive Map](#))
 - o **RED** and **BLUE** = No Burn. **GREEN** = Yes burn

If all of those conditions have been met, you may proceed with an open burn with the following restrictions:

- The burning must occur on the property owned by the individual who holds the permit.
- The permittee shall always keep a competent person in charge of such fire until such time as the fire is completely extinguished.
Only organic yard waste materials such as garden refuse and pruning may be burned.
- Burning of plastics, rubber, foam, pallets, packing and packaging materials, construction waste, rubbish, household waste, or other materials are prohibited.
- Fires shall not exceed 1.5 meters across in size; shall be hand fed and shall be located at least 3 meters from any combustibles.