

## **WILDFIRE PREVENTION AND RISK REDUCTION IN NORTH SAANICH** **\*\*UPDATED – April 2019\*\***

Members of the Dean Park Estates Community Association (DPECA), North Saanich Residents Association (NSRA), and Property Responsibility on the Waterfront (PROW) have teamed up to advocate for and support wildfire prevention and risk reduction in the District of North Saanich.

In 2018, DPECA, NSRA and PROW prepared a “Call for Action” document on wildfire prevention in North Saanich. Thank you to the North Saanich Fire Department for collaborating with us on this public awareness communique. A copy of the “Call for Action” can be found on the DPECA, NSRA, and PROW websites.

In 2017, a Fire Hazard Rating sign was posted by the North Saanich Fire Department near John Dean Provincial Park (corner of Dean Park Road and Carmanah Terrace).



In addition to their advocacy work, representatives from DPECA, NSRA and PROW developed a North Saanich Wildfire Prevention Committee and collected a suite of resources and related effective practices on wildfire prevention and risk reduction.

The following are various resources to aid you in mitigating wildfire risks in and around your properties and neighbourhoods.

### **Videos**

- [It's time to get FireSmart about wildfires in BC](#)
- [Build an Emergency Kit](#)
- [How to FireSmart Your Home](#)
- [Wildfires are Changing](#)

## Guides and Manuals

- [FireSmartBC](#). The BC-based interagency FireSmart program that supports wildfire preparedness, prevention and mitigation.
- [FireSmart Homeowner's Manual](#). The Homeowner's Manual describes ways that you can reduce wildfire hazards and related risks on your property.
- [FireSmart Home Development Guide](#). This Guide provides you with information on home development and planning recommendations that can aid you in reducing wildfires risks to your home and neighbourhood.
- [FireSmart Guide to Landscaping](#). This Guide provides you with ways to FireSmart your property with a specific focus on tree and vegetation management.

## Posters, Checklists and Backgrounders

- [FireSmart Priority Zones](#). This one-page FireSmart poster summarizes the three priority zones and offers FireSmart property maintenance tips. *Note: This poster highlights from the latest research on wildfire behaviour the new and very important Priority Zone A1 (0-1.5 metres) also known as the "combustible free zone".*
- [Firewise.org Wildfire Preparedness Teaching Tools](#). Firewise USA® has various teaching tools to assist homeowners and other strategic partners on wildfire prevention and risk reduction.
- [Firewise.org Wildfire Preparedness Toolkit](#). Firewise USA® has a toolkit of outreach and educational resources for homeowners and other strategic partners on wildfire prevention and risk reduction – includes effective practices for homeowners to reduce wildfire risks on and immediately surrounding their properties.
- [Last-Minute Checklist for Protecting Your Home and Property from Wildfire](#). Print this page out! Act on it now and keep it handy!
- [Wildfire Safety: Before, During and After](#). Effective practices on how to protect your property and your family before, during, and after a wildfire.

## News Clippings

- [\*Wildfire situation in BC: Reinforces the importance of the FireSmart program and taking proactive measures to reduce the risk of wildfire and other hazards\*](#)

## Reports

- [Addressing the New Normal: 21st Century Disaster Management in British Columbia](#). An independent review examining the 2017 BC flood and wildfire seasons.

## District of North Saanich Fire Prevention

- **North Saanich Fire Prevention Bylaw.** No open burning is allowed anywhere in the Dean Park area with the exception of outdoor appliances. If it is an “outdoor appliance”, you must consult the North Saanich Fire Department first as a permit and inspection is required. For more information, view the [North Saanich Burning Information Bulletin](#).

### **Concerned about burning and related fire safety and prevention issues in North Saanich?**

Call the North Saanich Fire Hall at 250.656.1931 to seek assistance on non-emergency related queries about burning, and fire safety and prevention in North Saanich.

If you call after office hours (any time after 4:30 pm Mondays to Fridays or on Saturdays, Sundays and statutory holidays), you will be directed to call Saanich Fire Dispatch at 250.475.6111.

The above process aids North Saanich Fire Department staff or the after hours Duty Officer to respond immediately to your questions and concerns. For further information and to sign up for emergency alerts, visit the North Saanich Fire Department website at [www.northsaanichfire.ca](http://www.northsaanichfire.ca).

**In the event of a structural or wildland fire in North Saanich, immediately call 9-1-1.**