

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHEN IS OPEN BURNING ALLOWED?

Opening burning is **NOT** permitted between April 15th and October 15th.

HOW TO GET A BACKYARD CAMPFIRE PERMIT?

Complete an application at the Village office. Form can also be found on our website at www.goldriver.ca.

DO I NEED TO REGISTER MY PROPANE FIRE PIT?

No, a propane fire pit does not need to be registered.

CAN I USE A PROPANE FIRE PIT ALL YEAR AROUND?

Yes, you can use a propane firepit year-round.

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OPEN FIRE REGULATION

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1,
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“Open Burning” means the combustion of material without control of the combustion air and without a stack or chimney to vent the emitted products of combustion to the atmosphere. Open burning does not include charcoal fires contained within barbecues or hibachis for the purpose of cooking food.

OPEN BURNING

No person shall start or maintain an open fire, or cause or allow an open fire to be started or maintained without first obtaining a permit from the Village of Gold River.

Charcoal, pellet, natural gas or propane gas fires contained within barbecues or other approved appliances are permitted.

Backyard campfires, fire pits, chimineas and outdoor fireplaces not fueled by either natural gas or propane are required to be registered and comply with all the regulations. Failure to register a backyard campfire may result in a fine and the revocation of the issued permit. Open Fire permits may only be issued/revoked by either the Village of Gold River Fire Chief or the Chief Administrative Officer.

Backyard campfires, fire pits, chimineas and outdoor fireplaces fueled by wood are only permitted in R-1 (Single Family Residential), R-2 (Single Family Estate Residential), C.D.1 (Comprehensive Development 1) zones as per Zoning Bylaw No. 706, 2018.

Burning of construction waste, garbage, noxious materials and yard debris is strictly prohibited. Burn permits will not be approved for burning of such material under any circumstances.

Construction waste, garbage, noxious materials and yard debris must be deposited at the Depot-Transfer Station.

BACKYARD CAMPFIRE CONDITIONS

- ✓ Maintain a clearance of 4 meters (13 feet) from any structure
- ✓ Maintain a clearance of 2 meters (6.5 feet) from shrubbery and wooden fences
- ✓ Ensure that the base of an open fire is no larger in area than 1-meter x 1- meter (3 feet x 3 feet)
- ✓ Ensure that extinguishing equipment such as a charged water hose, is readily available
- ✓ Maintain constant supervision of the fire by a responsible person over the age of 16 years and who is a permanent resident of the residence
- ✓ Take every reasonable precaution to prevent heavy smoke from being generated or becoming a nuisance
- ✓ All backyard campfires shall be fully extinguished by 11:00 p.m. every evening.

INSPECTIONS AND ORDERS

The Fire Chief or other authorized person is authorized to enter at all reasonable times on any property in order to ascertain whether the regulations in the Open Burning Bylaw or directions made under this Bylaw are being observed.

The Fire Chief or other authorized person is authorized to make orders directing the owners or occupiers of the property to make changes to bring the fire into compliance with the Bylaw.

No person shall obstruct or prevent the Fire Chief or other authorized person from conducting an inspection under the Bylaw.

The Fire Chief or other authorized person is authorized to order the operator to immediately extinguish the fire.

PENALTIES

The Open Fire Regulation Bylaw contains penalties for the following:

- ✓ Burning during closed season
- ✓ Burning without a permit
- ✓ Unauthorized backyard burning/ Campfire
- ✓ Refuse order to bring into compliance
- ✓ Obstruct Fire Chief or authorized person from inspecting property
- ✓ Refuse order to extinguish fire