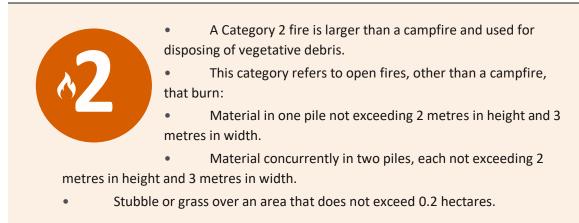
# **Category 2 Fire**



### Regulations

• CRD Fire Regulation Bylaw No. 2, and the <u>Provincial Open Burning Smoke Control</u> <u>Regulation</u> (OBSCR), are to be followed where applicable.

### **Open Burn Smoke Control Regulations (OBSCR)**

The following vegetation size exemptions for agricultural or domestic purposes apply.

- If all the vegetative debris is under 3 cm in diameter, an operator is exempt from the OBSCR.
- If all vegetative debris is between 3 cm and 10 cm in diameter, the operator is exempt from most sections of the OBSCR with the following conditions:
- The collected debris is from within 5 km of the burn site and there are no burn bans. Note: A fire chief, or fire chief's designate, does not have the discretion to exempt the requirements to follow the Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation except under specified circumstances (e.g. FireSmart activities).

### **Permit Requirements**

- Generally, a permit for a Category 2 fire is required. However, fire chief or fire chief's designate has the discretion to establish or rescind permit requirements for Category 2 fires within their defined fire service area.
- It is not recommended to charge a fee for a Category 2 fire ermit.

### Setbacks

• At least 10 metres from any building, structure, fence, tree or hedge or property line.

#### **Fire Operators**

- Obtain a permit from the fire department if required for the service area.
- Ensure that every reasonable alternative for reducing, reusing or recycling the vegetative debris is used to minimize the amount being open burned.

- If required, follow the Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation, including the <u>Venting Index for</u> <u>Southern Vancouver Island</u> and the <u>Information Fact Sheet for All Open Burners</u>.
- Avoid conducting an open fire when it's windy.
- Choosing a proper location.
- Do not burn green debris or leaves.
- Do not use an open fire for the disposal of domestic waste or prohibited materials.
- Never leave an open fire unattended.
- Never ignite a category 2 fire if a ban has been established by the fire chief or fire chief's designate.

## Enforcement

- A fire chief, or fire chief's designate, is responsible for enforcing Category 2 fire regulations within their service area.
- It is recommended to focus on education for Category 2 Fire operators. Warnings and Municipal Ticket Information should be a last resort.
- It is the responsibility of the BC Conservation Officer Service to enforce the Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation.