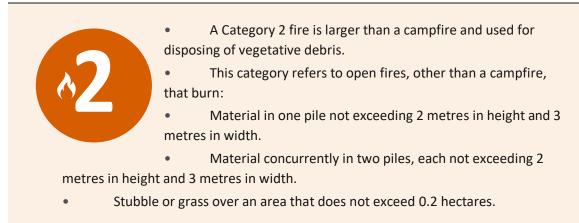
Category 2 Fire



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.