



**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN
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SIMILKAMEEN**

TEMPORARY CAMPFIRE BAN - RESCINDED

Due to the DECREASED fire hazard rating in our regional area and the anticipated continuation of favorable weather conditions, the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) is Rescinding the TEMPORARY CAMPFIRE BAN.

This will be effective at noon September 1, 2010 within the RDOS in conjunction with the BC Forest Service – Kamloops Fire Centre. This is for small campfire only as open fires of other descriptions such as Fireworks or Burning Barrels are still prohibited.

As a reminder please restrict your campfires to not larger than 0.5 meters wide or 0.5 meters high. It is also a good practice for those who light campfires to also have hand tools available such as a shovel, or at least eight liters of water nearby to fully extinguish it. Remember to NEVER leave your campfire unattended and make sure ashes are completely cold to the touch before leaving the area.

In keeping with the new Forestry rules this year, should a wildfire occur as a result of recklessness, a person can be fined up to \$1 million or spend three years in prison and be ordered to pay all firefighting and associated costs.

The RDOS thanks the public for their cooperation in complying during the temporary ban. For further information please contact Dale Kronebusch – Emergency Services Supervisor at (250) 490-4139

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