



VILLAGE OF BELCARRA
Information regarding Lawn Maintenance
During Extreme Fire Danger Rating
August 17, 2021



Please see the attached Extreme Fire Danger Rating Notice of July 23, 2021.

In light of the recent rain conditions, please see the information below from the Fire Chief:

“All the same rules of the Extreme Fire Danger Rating still apply. Sustained rainfall is required before the danger rating gets lowered.

If your lawn is brown do not cut it.

- If your lawn is green and irrigated you can cut it, provided that it is not up against bushes or a forested area.
- Prior to cutting your lawn, wet down the areas on the perimeter and keep a charged hose nearby.
- Have an ABC extinguisher on hand in case your power equipment catches on fire.
- The main cause of fires from lawn cutting is sparks from when the blades strike objects.
- **Anyone who causes a fire during an Extreme rating may be held liable for the damages.**

These strict measures are needed because the entire Village is considered a Wildland Interface Zone, and we are at a higher risk.”



Sasamat Fire Department

To: Distribution
From: Jay Sharpe, Fire Chief
CC: Anmore & Belcarra Fire Stations
Date: July 23rd, 2021
Re: EXTREME Fire Danger rating

Extreme Fire Danger Rating, Effective July 23rd, 2021

Based on the Fire Hazard Synopsys and the long term forecast from Metro Vancouver Fire Weather Information the fire danger rating has moved to extreme.

- The following conditions are now in place;
- Effective immediately and until further notice all cooking appliances will be banned in public parks, public spaces and unimproved areas. Prohibited activities and devices include: any open fire for personal warmth or cooking; portable wood burning devices; tiki torches; and sky lanterns. The ban also applies to CSA- or UL-rated cooking stoves that utilize propane or charcoal briquettes, or portable campfire devices that utilize charcoal briquettes, or liquid or gaseous fuels.
- Included in this ban is all high-risk hot works activity, this includes such things as chain saws, grass cutting, flail mowing, tree removal and land clearing. Allowances may be made on a case-by-case basis provided that an approved fire safety plan is in place.
- Residents should be encouraged to not do any yard works that have the potential to produce sparks.

Jay Sharpe, Fire Chief

Sasamat Fire Department