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Reminder to Residents: Burning Restrictions

As we continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation and ensure our emergency responders are available when needed, the City of Williams Lake and Williams Lake Fire Department encourages residents to refrain from conducting any open burning at this time. Should burning be deemed absolutely necessary, the Williams Lake Fire Department reminds residents to refer to Williams Lake Fire Protection & Control Bylaw No. 2189, which includes regulations to help keep our city safe.

You cannot start, maintain or allow anyone to start or maintain any open-air fire, except:

- Outdoor cooking fires provided the fire is contained in a device or fixture designed specifically for cooking and the fire only burns briquettes
- Outdoor fire pits approved by the Fire Chief for use in licensed campgrounds or tourist parks
- Factory-made fire pits listed for use in a backyard shall be permitted
 - Use of these units shall follow the requirements set out in **Schedule "F"** below
- Fires deemed necessary for municipal burning
- Fire lit for Fire Department training exercises

Schedule "F"

- The fire must be contained in a factory manufactured fire pit
- The fire pit must be located at least 20 feet from any property lines and buildings and 10 feet from all grass, shrubbery, wood or other combustible material
- The fire pit must be located on a level non-combustible surface
- The fire pit should have a mesh covering otop
- A garden hose or immediate source of water must be at the fire site at all times the fire is lit
- The fire must not be ignited or allowed to burn in strong winds
- The fire must be attended to and supervised by an adult at all times the fire is lit
- The fire must not emit heavy smoke or noxious odours
- The fire must be fully extinguished when not used
- The fire must not be used to burn residential waste, including yard material, garden waste or debris
- The fire must not be used to burn construction waste or demolition debris
- Only clean dry wood with a maximum thickness of 3 inches is permitted to be burned
- The fire must be extinguished by 11:00 PM

We would like to thank our residents for their consideration.

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