**A Message from the Coastal Fire Centre around High-Risk Activities**

Under the Wildfire Act certain high-risk activities are restricted during periods of heightened fire danger to reduce the number of human-caused fires.

A detailed description of high risk activities and restrictions can be found here: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/prevention/for-industry-commercial-operators/high-risk-activities>

These restrictions primarily affect industrial activities. Most non-commercial home and yard maintenance activities, such as lawn mowing/weed whacking, are not considered high risk under the *Wildfire Regulation.*

However, given the current fire danger and the situation in the interior we encourage everyone to exercise caution and refrain from undertaking any activities that might spark a wildfire. Just because you can, doesn’t mean you should.

If you are considering an activity that is not defined as high-risk under the Wildfire Act, but does have the potential to start a fire:

* Do it earlier in the day when temperatures are lower
* Keep firefighting equipment including shovel and water at hand
* Keep a fire watch for two hours after completing the activity to protect against delayed starts

All human caused wildfires are preventable. Individuals or companies that start wildfires may be held liable for the costs of fighting them.

Additional prevention information can be found here: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/prevention>

Current open burning prohibitions in the Coastal Fire Centre: <http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/DisplayBan.asp?ID=593#CampfireBans>

To report a wildfire, please call 1-800-663-5555 or \*5555 on a cell phone. Any open fire reporting should go to the RAPP line: 1 877 952-RAPP (7277), \*7277 (cell)