

CITY OF MAPLE RIDGE NEWS RELEASE

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City Wide Fire Ban Enacted in Maple Ridge

Maple Ridge, B.C: Maple Ridge Fire & Rescue Services has issued a city-wide fire ban effective Thursday, June 8 at 12:00 p.m. in line with the provincial fire ban.

The following activities are prohibited in Maple Ridge:

- Campfires
- Fireworks
- Sky Lanterns
- Binary Exploding Targets
- Burn Barrels or Burn Cages of any size or description
- Air Curtain Burners

This does not include the use of CSA-rated or ULC-rated barbeques, camping type stoves or portable campfire apparatus using camping gas, natural gas/propane, or briquette barbeques, on private property.

Occasional rainfall in the forecast reduces the wildfire/fire hazard a small amount, but the effect is temporary and the hazard will rapidly increase a short time afterwards.

The fire ban will remain in place until October 31. 2023, or until lifted by the Fire Department.

Any person found in contravention of the fire ban will be liable to a fine up to \$1000.

For more summer fire safety information and resources visit <u>fire.mapleridge.ca</u>.