



CITY OF MAPLE RIDGE
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Extreme Fire Danger Rating Warning Issued by Maple Ridge

Maple Ridge, B.C: The City of Maple Ridge Fire & Rescue Services Department has elevated the City's fire danger rating to the 'Extreme' level due to the continued hot weather and lack of precipitation over the last month.

"The hot dry conditions have elevated the risk for brush and grass fires in our community and around the region," said Maple Ridge Fire Chief Michael Van Dop. "Industrial activities within 300 metres of a forest are now restricted to reduce the risk of accidental fires. We appreciate the cooperation of citizens and the business community to protect our community from wildfires."

The industrial activities ban includes flail mowing, which might spark a bush or grass fire. The City of Maple Ridge has suspended flail mowing of ditches in the community until the conditions improve.

You can find more information on high risk activities at: [High risk activities - Province of British Columbia \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/high-risk-activities)

A reminder that the full fire ban is still in effect. 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.

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 fire.mapleridge.ca.