

FIRE WARNING – FIRE WATCH REQUIRED



Due to the hot, dry conditions and extreme fire risk currently in B.C, Mt. Washington Alpine Resort has implemented a requirement for a fire watcher to observe for a minimum of one hour at the completion of any high-risk activities on the Mountain. High risk activity includes, but is not limited to, mechanical brushing, using spark producing tools, mowing, operating a power saw, welding, wood chipping.

Your Strata Council is asking all owners, residents, visitors and guests to **use extreme caution** while living, working and playing in the Village. This includes any renovation work, inside or outside, cutting of firewood and/or the use of power tools. If you have smokers around your property ensure all butts are disposed of in a fireproof container NOT stomped out on the ground. Please observe the area work has been done in for an hour after completion to ensure no smoldering leads to a fire.

AVS799 Rule #3 bans open burning from May to October, disregarding this Rule will result in a fine.

<http://alpinevillage.ca/rules>

The Comox Valley Regional District has the below posted on their website:

Open Fire Ban for Province Effective at noon Pacific Time on Wednesday, June 30, 2021

*All open burning activities will be prohibited throughout the province. This prohibition is being enacted to help reduce wildfire risk and protect public safety. This ban includes **campfires** and **beach fires** within the entire region as well as smoking within all CVRD parks.*

The following activities are also prohibited: the use of sky lanterns, fireworks, burn barrels or burn cages, binary exploding targets, tiki and similar kinds of torches, chimineas, air curtain burners, and outdoor stoves or other portable campfire apparatus without a Canadian Standards Association (CSA) or Underwriter Laboratories of Canada (ULC) rating.

Anyone found in contravention of an open burning prohibition may be issued a violation ticket for \$1,150, receive a penalty of up to \$10,000 or be fined up to \$100,000 and/or sentenced to one year in jail. If the contravention causes or contributes to a wildfire, the person responsible may be ordered to pay all firefighting and associated costs.

Please be aware of any activity that could cause a spark or flame to ignite. We know how quickly a chalet in our village can burn – even midwinter (photos below are from Chalet 21 on Jutland, winter of 2020).

