

Fire Prevention in Parks and wild lands

Each year in BC, hundreds of fires burn through thousands of acres of wild lands. Almost half of these fires are human caused.

The Village of Pemberton and area has hundreds of acres of forested or otherwise vegetated lands that are situated next to developed lands. Fires that move between developed lands and wild lands are called "interface fires" and can be extremely destructive as they can consume both natural areas and private property.

To reduce the risk from these fires:

Your Property:

- Keep roofs and yards free of dead vegetation and other flammable materials.
- Prune vegetation away from chimneys, air conditioners, barbecues and sheds.
- Keep a water hose handy in your yard and a charged fire extinguisher in your home at all times.
- Exercise caution when using gas-powered tools or equipment around dry grass or dead vegetation.
- Never store accelerants (gasoline, paint thinner) near flammable materials.

Parkland, Wild Land:

- Never dump yard waste in parks or in the wild land, it kills trees, adds to fuel loads and can generate enough heat to combust when improperly composted.
- Water nearby vegetation during periods of drought.
- Never smoke or use lighters or matches in wild lands.
- Report any active or smoldering fires to the 911

Current BC fire danger class ratings <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status>

Fire Prevention BC Fire Smart Program

<http://www.bcwildfire.ca/prevention/firesmart.htm>

Firesmart Canada <https://www.firesmartcanada.ca/>