



# City of Maple Ridge News Release

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## **Maple Ridge Fire Department Enacts Fire Ban**

**Maple Ridge, BC:** With the extremely dry and warm weather we are experiencing, and the weather forecast into the next two weeks, the Forest Fire Weather index has now moved to an Extreme Forest Fire Danger Rating. Effective immediately the City of Maple Ridge Fire Department is invoking a fire ban in all areas of Maple Ridge.

- All camping/recreational fires regularly enjoyed in the open to burning area of Maple Ridge are now prohibited.
- The discharge of all fireworks or pyrotechnics is also prohibited during this campfire ban.
- Construction Activity in forested urban interface areas will be controlled in accordance with the Forest Fire Prevention and Suppression Regulations contained in the Forest Practises Code of BC Act. All construction activities will be classified as per Table 1- Risk Classification by activity, and will adhere to the regulations contained in schedule 5. -Restrictions on Industrial Operations. As defined in the Forest Practices Act these regulations pertain to “persons and industrial activities in or within 300 m of a forest.” Construction Activity in forested urban interface areas will be controlled in accordance with the Forest Fire Prevention and Suppression Regulations contained in the Forest Practises Code of BC Act. All construction activities will be classified as per Table 1- Risk Classification by activity, and will adhere to the regulations contained in schedule 5. - Restrictions on Industrial Operations. As defined in the Forest Practices Act these regulations pertain to “persons and industrial activities in or within 300 m of a forest.”
- This ban will be in effect until the forest fire danger ratings return to a safe level.

Thank you for doing your part to keep our community safe.

If you require any additional information please contact Deputy Fire Chief Howard Exner at [hexner@mapleridge.ca](mailto:hexner@mapleridge.ca) or by calling 604-463-5880.