

## Residential Indoor Wood Burning Seasonal Restrictions

Residential indoor wood burning appliances cannot be used from May 15 to September 15, every year, unless:

- The wood burning appliance is within an off-grid residence located outside the Urban Containment Boundary; or
- The wood-burning appliance is the only source of heat in a residence; or
- There is an emergency (such as a gas or electrical outage lasting 3 hours or more)

### The Bylaw Introduces Phased-in Requirements



#### Best Burning Practices

Must be used when burning is allowed (Examples: clean, dry wood, small, hot fires, do not burn garbage).

Starting  
May 2021

#### Seasonal Prohibition

You cannot burn between May 15 and September 15 each year, unless it is your sole source of heat, you are in an off-grid rural home, or during an emergency.

Starting  
September 2022

#### Declarations and Registration

If you burn, you must declare your use of best burning practices and, in urban areas, register eligible appliances.

Starting  
September 2025

#### Renewal and Restricted Use

Every three years:  
You must renew any declarations and registrations in urban areas. You cannot use non-registered appliances within urban areas except if your household qualifies as low income or during an emergency.

### Residential Indoor Wood Burning Appliances Specifically Include:

- Fireplaces
- Pellet Stoves
- Wood Stoves
- Masonry Heaters

## The Bylaw Reduces Wood Smoke Emissions by Requiring:

- Best burning practices
- Cleaner wood-burning appliances, and
- Seasonal wood burning restrictions

## Why Wood Smoke from Indoor Burning?

More than a quarter of all fine particle emissions in the region comes from wood burning appliances in homes: that's more than cars, trucks and construction equipment, combined.

Fine particles can harm your lungs and heart, and are associated with over 9,000 premature deaths per year in Canada.

## How to Follow Best Burning Practices



**Use only clean, seasoned wood**



**Don't let your fire smoulder**



**Don't burn garbage, plastic or treated wood**



**Inspect and maintain your appliance**



**Burn small + hot fires**

For more information go to [www.metrovancouver.org](http://www.metrovancouver.org) and search 'residential wood burning'.



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