
INFORMATION BULLETIN

Open Air Burning Ban Across Abbotsford

ABBOTSFORD – March 26, 2020: Effective today, the City of Abbotsford will be enforcing an Open Air Burning Ban in alignment with Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy and other Provincial public health partners. Open air burning restrictions for all High Smoke Sensitivity Zones across the province will be in place until Wednesday April 15th, 2020.

These measures are being put in place to help reduce excessive air pollution in the high risk airsheds across the province. Studies have shown air pollution increases susceptibility to respiratory viral infections (COVID - 19) by decreasing immune function leading to more severe effects.

Background Information

A map of affected areas is shown in yellow in Figure 1 and a high resolution image can be accessed on the provincial [Interactive Venting Index webpage](#).

Real-time air quality observations and information regarding the health effects of air pollution can be found at [BC Environment, Air, Land and Water Website](#).

Links:

Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy Announcement:
https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/air-land-water/air/advisories/2020-03-26_hssz_open_burning_restrictions_issued.pdf

City of Abbotsford Burning Ban Information:
https://www.abbotsford.ca/public_safety/fire_rescue_service/rural_open_air_burning.htm

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