

Burn Less, Burn Better



“There is something about the smell of wood smoke and the warmth of heat from a fire that is comforting for people. In our region, it is part of our history of living off the land.

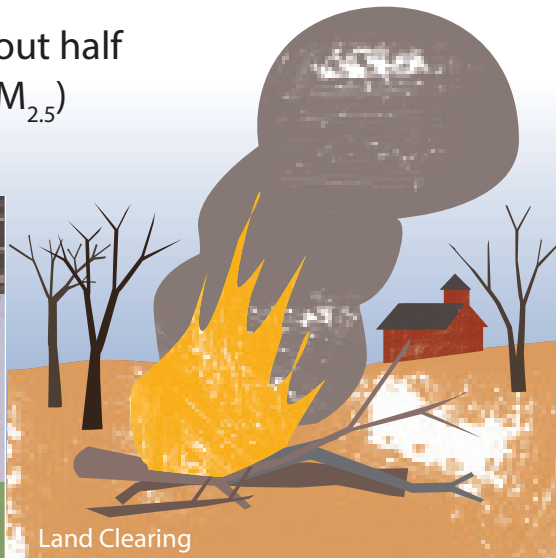
But today, we know about the health effects of wood smoke. And today, the technology and practices exist to do it better.”

— TW PATERSON,
LOCAL HISTORIAN

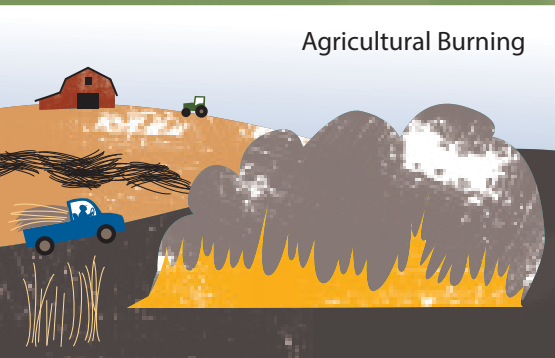
Open burning accounts for about half of the harmful fine particles (PM_{2.5}) being released in our region.



Residential Backyard Burning



Land Clearing



Agricultural Burning



Forestry Burning

How to Burn Better

BURN LESS

Recycle yard waste at CVRD dropoff locations. Start a backyard compost.

BURN CLEAN

If you need to burn, burn only dry branches and sticks. Never burn garbage.

CHECK THE VENTING INDEX

Choose a day when smoke disperses quickly.

KNOW THE RULES

Local or provincial regulations may apply—sometimes more than one!

Be air aware. Monitor your air quality and learn more at www.cvrdbc.ca/air



Cowichan Air Quality Partnership

A collaborative project led by local and provincial government, First Nations and local air quality stewards