

Burn Less, Burn Better



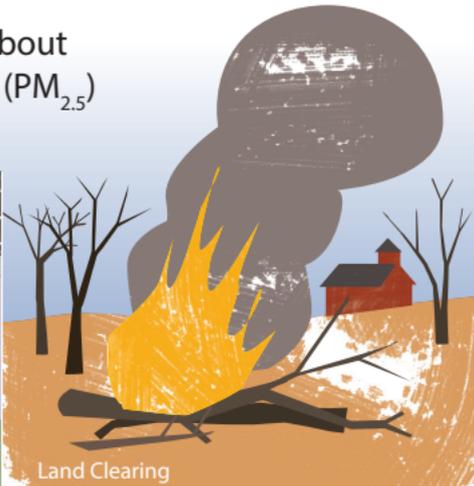
“There is something about the smell of wood smoke and the warmth of heat from a fire that is comforting for people. In our region, it is part of our history of living off the land.

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

Be air aware. Check your local air quality at www.cvrld.bc.ca/air

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



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!



Cowichan Air Quality Partnership

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