

Wildfire Season Checklist

Prepare Your Yard

- Cut grass close to structures
- Trim trees near structures
- Wood pile 10 meters from structures
- Non-combustible plants near structures

Prepare Your House

- Roof free from debris
- Gutters/eaves clean
- Deck clear (on top and under)
- Pets and Livestock

Check your Fire Equipment

- Fresh gas for equipment
- Pumps start
- Hoses in working order
- Suction hose
- Sprinklers and nozzles
- Toolbox
- Extra parts (spark plugs, fuel stabilizer)
- Water tank
- Trailer (tires)
- Other equipment

Community

- Reach out to neighbours
 - New to the community?
 - Seniors?
 - Limited transportation?
- Neighbours contact information
- Familiarize yourself with the Community Wildfire Equipment trailers
- Join the Chinook Emergency Response Society

Contact Information

- Report a wildfire:
 - 911
 - 1-800-663-5555
 - *5555 on cell
- Website
 - www.chinook-ers.ca
- Facebook
 - www.facebook.com/groups/chinook-ers

Fire Season Is Upon Us

The summer of 2019 and 2020 were quite fire years in the region. Although the Northwest Fire Centre's seasonal outlook for April was normal, the heat dome that centred over the Province in late June and the continued hot and dry weather has made conditions tinder dry in the bush. Fire conditions continue to be high to extreme throughout the Province.

The best time to Firesmart your home and property was last year, the second-best time is now (*based on a Chinese proverb*). Preparing your home and property is a process that can start at any time.

Prepare your home and property

1. Prepare an Evacuation Plan and a Grab 'n Go Kit.
2. Complete a wildfire exposure assessment (Home and Yard).
3. Take steps to FireSmart your property.
4. Talk with your neighbours and help inform them about the FireSmart program.

([www. https://firesmartbc.ca/](http://www.https://firesmartbc.ca/))



Getting Involved

CERS is always looking for community members to help out on projects. Checkout our website to see how you can get involved.

<http://chinook-ers.ca/>

CERS is represented on the HRSV committee. The goal is to improve the overall emergency management system. More information will be available at the next meeting.

<https://www.rdbn.bc.ca/hrva>