



Town of Lake Cowichan

# **NOTICE TO RESIDENTS**

## **OPEN BURNING and CAMPFIRES**

The Town of Lake Cowichan is advising residents that they are permitted under its current regulations to have cooking fires or campfires so long as they are contained within a fire pit or within a manufactured gas or electric barbeque. All other outdoor fires are prohibited.

Effective immediately, any cooking fire or campfire within the municipal boundaries of the Town of Lake Cowichan will now also be regulated by the BC Campfire Regulations:

[https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/public-safety-and-emergency-services/wildfire-status/fire-bans-and-restrictions/bcws\\_campfireposter.pdf](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/public-safety-and-emergency-services/wildfire-status/fire-bans-and-restrictions/bcws_campfireposter.pdf)

“It is critical that we not elevate the risk for anyone who may be experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, and local air quality is imperative given the nature of this virus” said Dr. Shannon Waters, Medical Health Officer for the Cowichan Valley.

CVRD recycling centres accept yard waste free of charge.

**Report Infractions! Call 1-888-COVID19 (1 888 268-4319) between 7.30 a.m. and 8 p.m., 7 days a week.**

**Violators face fines of \$1,150 per incident and if a violation causes a wildfire, the person responsible may also be ordered to pay all firefighting and associated costs.**