

## Fire Safety and Prevention in Kitsumkalum - JULY 2021

Kitsumkalum is taking a proactive approach in preventing and preparing for fire in the community and reminds residents to be diligent with fire safety.

A Fire Response "Marshalling Yard" has been set up at Tempo Gas Bar by Troy Sam. The fire truck is ready to go, along with two trucks that have been set up with portable water tanks.

## **Reminders:**

There is an **OPEN FIRE BAN** by the Province of BC. In addition to campfires, Category 2, and Category 3 open fires, the following activities are also prohibited: The use of fireworks The use of sky lanterns The use of burn barrels or burn cages of any size or description The use of binary exploding targets The use of tiki and similar kinds of torches The use of chimineas The use of outdoor stoves or other portable campfire apparatus without a Canadian Standards Association (CSA) or Underwriter Laboratories of Canada (ULC) rating

Remember to **CONSERVE WATER** to decrease the demand on the water system. Refrain from watering your lawns and using water for non-essential activities like filling swimming pools or washing your vehicles.

**TAKE CAUTION** off-road with atvs, motorcycles and trucks, as the exhaust pipes can easily start a fire when the temperature outside is very hot.

**BE RESPONSIBLE** with discarded cigarettes. In this extreme heat a cigarette that hasn't been put out and disposed of properly can cause a fire.

## **Be Prepared:**

All residents are urged to have a hose and sprinkler ready to go should a fire break out.

Read the BC Wildfire Service's **"Fire Smart Begins At Home Manual"** found at **fness.bc.ca** and on our website: **kitsumkalum.com/firesmart-begins-at-home-manual-bc-wildfire-service**/

## CALL 9-1-1 in all emergencies REPORT WILDFIRES by calling \*5555 or 1-800-663-5555