

FireSmart Free Yard Waste Wood Debris Pick-Up

The Comox Valley Regional District and K'ómoks First Nation using Community Resiliency Investment grant funding are offering a **FREE yard waste and wood debris pick-up**. The program is to encourage FireSmart safety on properties by removing excess yard waste and wood debris that could easily spread fires to homes.

The Rules

- No rocks, no nails, no roots (to ensure they do not damage the machinery).
- No treated lumber or construction waste.
- No bags of leaves or grass clippings.
- Ideally all the "butt ends" of branches pointed the same way so an entire bundle can be grabbed and fed right into the chipper.
- Tree trimmings must be under 38 centimetres (15") in diameter and 10 metres (32') length maximum.
- No invasive species such as Scotch Broom, English Holly, Giant Hogweed and Knotweed.
- Contractor reserves the right not to pickup any pile they feel does not meet these rules.
- Do not block traffic by piling debris on the road.
- Any debris brought to the end of your driveway after the starting date may not be picked up.
- All chips must be disposed of, as the funding/grant objective is to remove wildfire fuel from the landscape.

Did You Know

- More than 50% of homes destroyed by wildfire are ignited by embers blown by the wind.
- Home with a non-combustible roof and 10 meters of clearance around the home are more likely to survive a major wildfire.

For more information:

Email: firechief@unionbayfirerescue.ca or call: 250-335-2345

Residents are encouraged to **FireSmart** their property by bringing excess wood debris at the end of their driveway before the morning of:

Nov 27 2023

Wood debris will be picked up throughout the day, chipped and disposed of for FREE.

Connect Rocket is the local emergency mass notification system used by the Comox Valley Regional District to inform you about emergencies that may affect your community.



Sign up for Connect Rocket, visit:
www.comoxvalleyrd.ca/getnotified
or call 250-334-6000.



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FireSmart Program Helps Protect Your Home

Forest fires are a natural part of our ecosystem, and we're learning that we can't eliminate them. However, we can reduce the risk of losing our buildings and properties in a wildfire event. The FireSmart program will show you techniques to protect your property from burning. You can do many of these steps yourself with little expense.

The Comox Valley Regional District, K'ómoks First Nation, and four CVRD Fire Departments recognize the risk of wildfire in our communities and are working together to reduce the risk. The group has taken advantage of a Provincial Government Community Resiliency Investment (CRI) grant intended to reduce the risk of wildfires and mitigate impacts on BC communities.

Become FireSmart by reviewing the available resources to protect your home and community and learn more about the initiatives that are happening across the region. If you have any questions or would like some more information about how you can mitigate the risk of wildfire damage to your property, please call your local fire department.



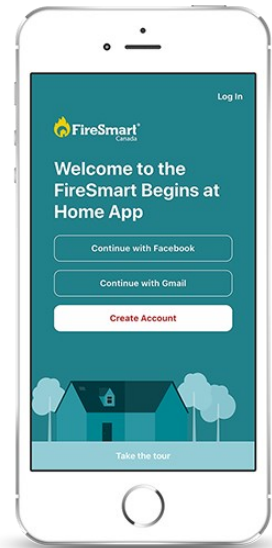
FireSmart Begins At Home Manual

This manual outlines the FireSmart program and how each homeowner can make their property and neighbourhood FireSmart.

www.firesmartcanada.ca/homeowners

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FireSmart App



Use the app to conduct a voluntary wildfire mitigation activities through a self-conducted home assessment. The app guides users through a series of questions about their properties to help identify specific actions to reduce wildfire risk. You can also contact your local fire department to schedule a home assessment.

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