



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

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RDCK Encourages Residents to be Prepared for Wildfire Season

The Regional District of Central Kootenay is preparing itself for possible wildfire events this summer, and is asking residents to do the same. There are currently over 220 wildfires burning across BC which have forced at least 10,000 people to be evacuated from their homes.

The weather forecast for the region is calling for dry lightning starting this afternoon with increasing winds overnight which are ideal conditions for the ignition of wildfires and exponential fire growth.

“The RDCK’s Emergency Management team are well underway with preparations for any event,” says Andrew Bellerby, RDCK Regional Fire Chief, “We are also urging residents to be as prepared as possible by signing up for the RDCK’s Emergency Notification system, and preparing a 72 hour Grab & Go kit.”

A campfire ban is still in place to reduce the risk of human-caused fires and to protect public safety.

For more information regarding current wildfire activity and burning restrictions, visit:
<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status>

Residents are advised to:

- Sign up for the RDCK’s [FREE Emergency Notification System](#) which will notify you by text or phone of any emergencies in the area.
- Residents should also put together a [72 hour Grab & Go kit](#) for themselves and their families to ensure that they are well-prepared for any emergency.
- Like the RDCK Facebook page for continual updates regarding any emergency situation that may arise. <https://www.facebook.com/rdcentralkootenay/>

To report a wildfire or open burning violation, call 1-800-663-5555 or *5555 on a cellphone.

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For further information, please visit:

RDCK Wildfire Information Page info: <http://www.rdck.ca/EN/main/services/emergency-management/wildfires.html>

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