

# COLWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Public Safety Message



**Date:** August 2017

### SAFE USE AND INSTALLATION OF CHIMENEAS AND OUTDOOR FIRE APPLIANCES

On May 5, 2008 the City of Colwood Outdoor Burning Restriction and Regulation Bylaw No. 931 came into effect. Under this bylaw, Colwood residents are permitted to use a manufactured chimenea or small outdoor burning appliance for residential use under the following conditions:

1. All appliances must be situated on a firm noncombustible base.
2. All appliances on private property shall be specifically manufactured as outdoor burning appliances. No homemade devices are permitted.
3. All appliances shall be enclosed to contain the burning materials within the device by use of metal materials or metal mesh. The Fire Box size shall not exceed 24 inches by 24 inches.
4. No person shall burn any materials including but not limited to household waste, plastic, rubber, flammable or combustible liquid, or any organic yard waste, treated lumber, construction debris or toxic waste in any outdoor burning appliance or by any other means.
4. A means of extinguishing the fire shall be readily available. (Fully charged garden hose with nozzle attached)
5. **Hours of operation shall be between dawn and 10:00 p.m. only.**
6. **There shall be no use of the appliance when the local forest fire rating is HIGH or EXTREME. This condition will be strictly enforced.**
7. No permit shall be required.
8. Inspection of the appliance shall be at the owner's request or upon complaint received by the City. Failure of the owner or occupier of the property to comply with the requirements of Bylaw 931 shall be subject to a municipal ticket and/or required to remove the appliance upon written notification from the City.

#### **Additional Safety Recommendations:**

- ◆ Outdoor burning appliances should not be used above or below grade level;
- ◆ Outdoor burning appliances should be installed at least 20 feet away from any building, fence, property line, trees, bushes or other combustible materials.

Should you have any further questions or concerns about these regulations, or if you would like to set up an appointment to have one of our Fire Department Officers come by to provide you with a complimentary safety inspection of your newly installed outdoor burning appliance, please contact the Colwood Fire Station at 250-478-8321 for assistance.