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A Newsletter from the Town of Princeton

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THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

Princeton celebrated Canada 150 with lots of fun for all ages during Princeton Days Weekend from June 30 to July 2! The Town of Princeton would like to thank the various organizations and volunteers who made Princeton Days a great success.

Freshair Cinemas, Royal Canadian Legion-Princeton, Princeton Arts Council, Princeton Rotary Club, Princeton Ambassadors, Princeton Volunteer Fire Brigade, Crimson Tine Players, Princeton Baptist Church, Camp Tulahead, Wildsafe BC, Princeton Community Band, Similkameen Line Dancers, Neale Bacon and his Crazy Critters, Cupz and Spoons Cupcake Bar, Centennial Outdoor Pool Staff, Public Works, various youth volunteers, MP Dan Albas and the wonderful Pioneers who have shaped our community for 75 plus years.

The Town of Princeton would like to thank the Government of Canada for the Celebrate Canada grant \$2,100, the Community Foundation of the South Okanagan/Similkameen for the Canada 150 grant \$2,000 for the Princeton Pioneer Project, and Fortis BC for sponsoring the Outdoor Movie.

SUMMERTIME PET SAFETY

Please do not leave dogs (or any animals) in your vehicle on hot days. Temperatures in a vehicle can more than double what they are outside within minutes. If it is thought a dog is in distress, police will break the car window if necessary to rescue the dog. The owner may face criminal charges for animal neglect.

IF YOU SEE A DOG IN A HOT CAR

- Record information about the vehicle (make model, colour, and license plate number).
- Alert the management of the business.
- Call the police or animal control.
- Stay with the dog until help arrives.

PRINCETON TRADITIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

August 18th to 20th



BBQ SAFETY TIPS

Each year Fire Departments receive calls to fires caused by BBQs. Here are some tips to help you BBQ safely:

- Be sure to use BBQ grills outdoors only. Using grills indoors or in enclosed spaces is not only a fire hazard, but it exposes occupants to toxic gasses and potential asphyxiation.
- Never leave a lit grill unattended. Always position the grill well away from combustible objects that can quickly ignite such as buildings, fences, deck railings and landscaping.
- Clean and service your grill periodically and remove grease build-up in catch trays.
- Check all propane tanks and lines for leaks and damage.
- Always use long handled grilling utensils and heat resistant oven mitts to avoid exposure burns from heat and flames.
- Keep a garden hose nearby, connected and ready for use in case of a fire.



FIRE SMART FOR THE HOME OWNER

THE RURAL REALITY

Wildland forest fires are capable of spreading at an astonishing rate. Crowning forest fires often spread at up to 5.5 kilometres per hour, with spotting as far as 2 kilometres ahead. Wind blown grass fires can spread at speeds up to 8.5 kilometres per hour.

If you live in or near a forested region, sooner or later you may have to contend with the spread of a wildfire. The best protection against loss, damage or injury due to wildfire is prevention.

You and your neighbours can reduce the hazards of Wildfire by following these simple preventative steps.

GET READY

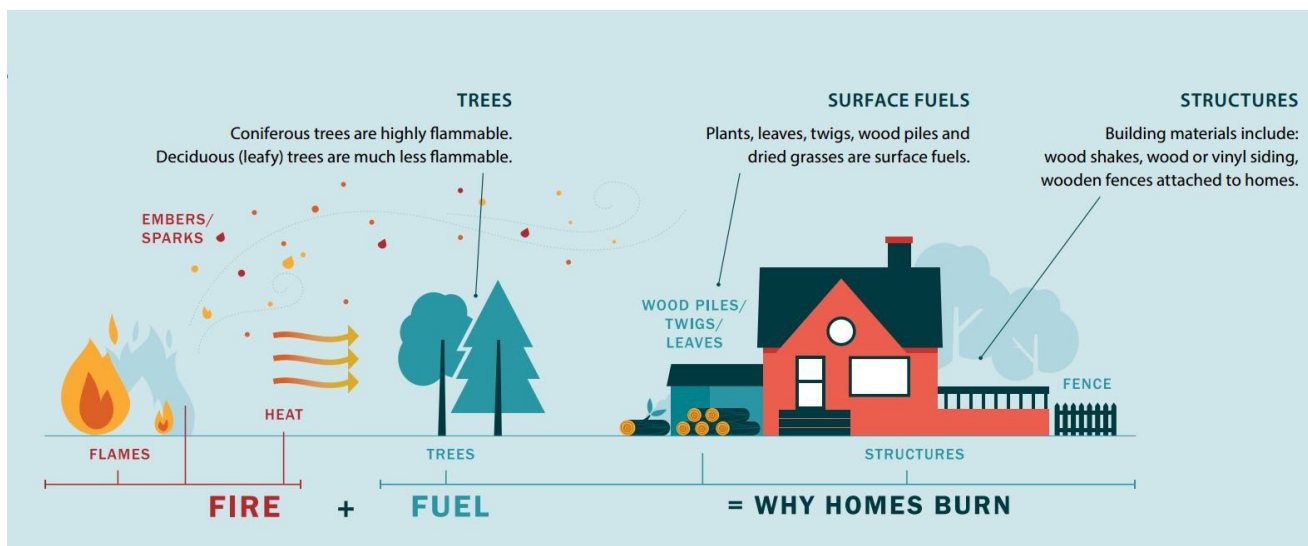
Properly preparing your home and community doesn't guarantee that you will not incur fire damage, but it does reduce the risks. Obtain insurance coverage for all property at risk from fire - government disaster financial assistance is limited and only covers uninsurable perils.

SITE PREPARATION

Any kind of vegetation is combustible. Mature trees, shrubs, grass, even your woodpile, are all potential fuels and can easily ignite (increasing the chance of building ignition and loss). Managing the space around your house and buildings is of prime importance.

DO YOU HAVE A CLEARED ZONE AROUND YOUR HOUSE AND BUILDINGS?

The first 10 metres of space around your home is your "First Priority". It's the most critical area to consider for fire protection. A good fuel free space gives firefighters a chance to save your home from an advancing fire.



Do your own Home and Site Hazard Assessment included in the Home Owners FireSmart Manual-Protect Your Home from Wildfire.

The FireSmart Manual is available at Town Hall, 151 Vermilion Avenue or online at www.bcwildfire.ca.

To report a forest fire call: 1-800-663-8555 or *5555 on your cell phone.

