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WHY IS CONTROLLED BURNING IMPORTANT?

Controlled burning is a fuel management technique that is used to reduce the possibility of large, out-of-control wildfires spreading through our community. 'Fuel' refers to any flammable material such as trees, branches, shrubs, woody debris, and built-up vegetation on the ground.

Removing potential fuel sources by thinning and pruning live trees, while removing dead timber and brush not only reduces the speed of wildfires but allows firefighters to respond more effectively.

Controlled burning is a useful technique for achieving public safety and also contributes to better air quality. By preventing large, intense wildfires and replacing them with more frequent, well-timed and well-planned low-intensity fires, we generate less smoke than out-of-control wildfires.



CONTROLLED BURNING IN QUESNEL

The City's Forestry Initiatives Program works with local area licensees and Provincial agencies to carry out the **Community Wildfire Protection Plan** (CWPP). The CWPP is our proactive measure to prevent large wildfires entering our community, which is more affordable than reactively having to recover from them.

You may have noticed work around town recently near the Flow Trail (Dragon Lake Hill) Healy trails, Quesnel Auto Racing Track, Hangman Springs Recreation Site, Ten Mile Lake Provincial Park, Sugarloaf Dog Park, and South Hills Range Land. Watch for our new "Controlled Burning in Progress" signs (shown above) which designate areas where fuel management is taking place.

When you see controlled burning going on, please remember that it is safer (for the community and firefighters), more economical, and better for our forests than large destructive fires.

If you have any questions, please reach out to firesmart@quesnel.ca.

For more information about the Forestry Initiatives Program, please visit www.quesnel.ca/forestry-initiatives