



## Union Bay Fire Rescue PO Boz 70 Union Bay BC V0R3B0

### Open Burning Ban (COVID -19)

Effective April 1<sup>st</sup> 2020, all open burning in the Union Bay fire protection area is banned. (Campfires are exempt at this time) The fire department is asking residents not to conduct any open burning as the Union Bay Improvement District continues to monitor the impact of COVID 19.

This decision is in line with all other Comox Valley fire departments as a strategy to reduce risk. Some of the associated risk factors include:

- The health and well-being of our community
- COVID-19 directly impacts a person's respiratory system making air quality a high priority for the many residents "sheltering at home"
- Reducing the potential risk of needing to reallocate firefighting resources to back yard burning issues during this crisis

Thank you for your help in keeping our community safe

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