



Community Wildfire Resiliency in Coquitlam

Coquitlam updated its Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan in 2021 with FireSmart™ principles adopted in British Columbia and across Canada.

The implementation of the plan's 43 recommendations strengthens Coquitlam's wildfire resiliency.



Scan for details on the Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan



Coquitlam applied for and received a \$50,000 Community Resiliency Investment grant that supported FireSmart public education programs.





Major Initiatives and Achievements

Completed Work

2021

Wildfire Exercise – Eagle Mountain

- Coquitlam Fire/Rescue hosted a large-scale wildfire exercise including multiple jurisdictions and agencies.

This exercise addressed recommendations 32, 34, and 35.



Scan to watch the wildfire exercise video.

FireSmart Campaign

Coquitlam partnered with Port Coquitlam, Anmore, and Belcarra receiving a Community Resiliency Investment grant of \$187,375. One significant outreach event included:

- Door-to-door outreach public education campaign with FireSmart materials reaching 7,615 homes
- 249 property assessments completed using the Ignition Assessment Score Card
- 31 properties received risk mitigation support

These efforts addressed recommendation 3.

2023 – 2024

A \$120,000 grant supported:

- A wood-chipping program for Wildland Urban Interface properties
- Three educational events and training for firefighters and prevention staff
- Engagement in Hazard Risk and Vulnerability Assessment planning
- Completion of fuel prescriptions for high-risk Wildland Urban Interface areas
- Targeted fuel treatment to reduce wildfire risk

Fuel prescription work addressed recommendation 41

Upcoming Work

2025 – 2026

A \$200,000 grant application has been submitted and if approved, will support:

- Fuel treatment work continues in high-risk Wildland Urban Interface areas
- Fire Prevention Education Open House at Burke Mountain Fire Hall
- Community education event planning underway for Westwood Plateau in 2026
- Ongoing staff training, critical infrastructure assessments and multi-agency collaboration

Wildfire Preparedness Efforts

15 recommendations are addressed every year

Recommendation Number	Initiative
2	Two FireSmart workshops or presentations
3	Ongoing FireSmart collaboration with adjacent municipalities
5	Staffing assessments to support FireSmart Coordinator role
7	Education/enforcement to prevent public yard waste dumping
9	Ongoing public education through digital platforms
23	Annual coordination with utilities for planned maintenance
24	Engage utilities to avoid high-risk activities during fire season
26	Semi-annual Community FireSmart Resiliency meetings
27	Annual coordination with Tri-City Fire/Rescue, Metro, BC Parks, BC Wildfire Service
31	Monthly wildfire preparedness meetings for Metro watersheds
32	Maintain or expand wildfire interface training for firefighters
33	FireSmart Coordinator attends annual FireSmart symposium
34	Regular structure protection exercises with Metro Vancouver
35	Ongoing multi-agency wildfire training with British Columbia Wildfire Service
36	Work with Office of the Fire Commissioner for guidance on interface training programs

One-time Completed Initiatives

Recommendation Number	Initiative
1	Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan available on the City's website
12	Developed Standard Operating Procedure for debris removal after hazard tree felling
20	Created windfirm monitoring Standard Operating Procedure for riparian reserves
40	Promoted Cleaner Air Spaces during air quality alerts
41	Completed fuel treatment planning for high-risk areas

Additional Wildfire Preparedness Efforts

Each summer the City runs a coordinated wildfire awareness campaign featuring enforcement updates and public safety tips.

Bylaw Enforcement Highlights

- **Smoking fines in parks** increase to \$500 June 1 to September 30
- **Cigarette littering** \$150 fine
- **Increased patrols** by vehicle, foot and e-bikes
- **Open fires prohibited** in all parks or anywhere in Coquitlam \$150 fine
- Public encouraged to **report violations**





Coquitlam Wildfire Resiliency

Community safety and fire prevention is everyone's responsibility. The City of Coquitlam has information on a topics that can help you prevent a fire and live comfortably.

Scan to Learn More

Please see info here for more on **Wildland Urban Interface Areas**



Check out **Summer Safety Tips**



Please see information here for our **Clean Air Spaces** education



You can find **Landscaping Recommendations for Wildland Urban Interface Areas** here



You can find more information on FireSmart™ BC practices here

