

June 1 - 4

Cortes & Quadra Island

Free Yard Wood Debris Pickup

The SRD is running a FREE FireSmart Community Chipper Program during the week of June 1 - 4 on Cortes and Quadra Island to help reduce wildfire impact.

Residents are encouraged to FireSmart their property by bringing excess wood debris to the end of their driveway the **morning** of the following days:

Cortes Island Monday June 1st

Quadra Island Wednesday June 3rd

Wood debris will be picked up throughout the day, chipped and disposed of for free.

For questions, comments or concerns, contact:

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Rules

- No rocks, No nails, No Roots (to ensure they do not damage the machinery).
- No treated lumber.
- Ideally all the "butt ends" of branches pointed the same way so an entire bundle can be grabbed and fed right into the chipper.
- Tree trimmings must be under 16 centimetres in diameter and 10 meters length maximum.
- No invasive species such as Scotch Broom, English Holly, Giant Hogweed and Knotweed.
- Above and Beyond Tree Services reserves the right not to pickup any pile they feel does not meet these rules.
- Do not block traffic by piling debris on the road.
- Any debris brought to the end of your driveway after the starting date may not be picked up.
- All chips must be disposed of, as the funding/grant objective is to remove wildfire fuel from the landscape.

Did you know?

- More than 50% of homes destroyed by wildfire are ignited by embers blown by the wind.
- Homes with a non-combustible roof & 10 metres of clearance around the home are more likely to survive a major wildfire.
- Connect Rocket is the local emergency mass notification system used by the Strathcona Regional District. Voice messages are sent to landlines, voice and text messages to mobile devices within a cell coverage area. Notifications are intended to inform residents and visitors alike about incidents that could impact them.

Sign up for Connect Rocket at:

www.strathconard.connectrocket.com

or call 250-830-6702 if you do not have a computer.

- At the links below you can download the FireSmart Home Owner's Manual or the Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction Report on Why Some Homes Survived the Fort McMurray Fire. An overwhelming majority of homes that had a Low or Moderate FireSmart hazard rating survived, while those that were rated High or Extreme did not.

www.srd.ca/bcws_homeowner_firesmart_manual

www.srd.ca/why-some-homes-survived-learning-from-the-fort-mcmurray-wildland-urban-interface-fire-disaster

If you do not have access to a computer, you can request physical copies of these resources, by contacting the SRD.

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