

CONGRATULATIONS

St. Ives is a “Recognized FireSmart Neighbourhood”

thanks to our community's hard work clearing our properties of yard waste making them less vulnerable to a Wildfire. Presently, due to Budget Restraints, CSRD is only able to fund 1 bin for us to use. The 2nd bin's cost is being covered by a federal government grant of \$750 plus funds from our St. Ives Rate Payers Association.

The cost of providing the 11 bins we used last year were covered by a Post Fire one time grant from the government. This grant isn't available to CSRD this year. The number of communities now wanting to participate in a FireSmart program has greatly increased. However, the funding has remained the same.

The reality is in the future we have to do more with less.

Pricing for the bins are as follows:

- \$435 for delivery to St Ives
- \$500 pick up and delivery to dump
- \$15/day for as long as the bin is in St Ives

We wish to Thank CSRD for the
11 bins we filled last year!

These are very large sums for our community to absorb yearly. For the future we'll have to possibly look into fundraising to have them available for us to use.

The prediction is we are in a drought period estimated as year 7 of a 36 year cycle. Wildfires are becoming our new reality apparently. Helping FireSmart our community does help.

Everyone's actions count but we are not done. Making your home FireSmart is a **YEARLY** task. We cannot be less vigilant in our clean ups, especially after witnessing the results from the Bush Creek East Wildfire of 2023.

Start with a Fire Risk Assessment. Contact Sophie Randell, your FireSmart Coordinator at:
firesmart@csrd.bc.ca

This could be the last year that \$500 grants are available to help you FireSmart your home & property. There is a dollar value assigned to every job needed to be done. It's up to you how much or little you want. Once you complete your work, submit your actions with pictures to the CSRD FireSmart email address or they will revisit your home for payment of this one time grant.



Please use our QR code to discover more information on fire risk assessments & other helpful FireSmart information. A great website to visit for information is:



FIRESMART COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

Your FireSmart Committee has scheduled a community clean up for

Saturday May 17, 2025

We have received our official 2024 sticker for our FireSmart Sign thanks to all the volunteer hours your hard work provided.

One bin will be located on Southwind Rd. The second bin will be put on Penwith Rd. Once these two bins are full we will not be getting any further bins. It will be up to us to take our yard waste to the transfer station on our own but there isn't a dumping fee.

Dwayne Williams & St. Ives Rate Payers are sponsoring our clean up BBQ lunch. We wish to **THANK YOU** for stepping in & providing our volunteers this special meal.

Remember we **need you to record your clean up hours** as they contribute to our status as a FireSmart Neighbourhood. Please submit them to us at the emails below.

Debra at: gdnewton@cablelan.net
or Colleen at: mccordc@me.com

Visit our St. Ives Website for more information.

<https://stivesratepayers.ca/firesmart>

As a community group project we hope to clean up some of the accumulated debris along the creek.

Our primary goal after this big clean up is to retain our status as a **FIRESMART COMMUNITY**.

Thank you so much for all your help & looking forward to seeing you!!!