RIMROCK
CONDO MANAGEMENT

SUMMER FIRE SAFETY

Protect Your Home. Protect Your Neighbours. Protect Your Community.

Hot, dry summer weather can increase the risk of fires in and around our communities. In condominium living, a fire affecting one home can quickly impact neighbouring units and common property.

BE CAREFUL. BE PREPARED. BE FIRE-SMART.

KEEP OUTDOOR AREAS FIRE-SAFE

- Keep patios, balconies and decks free of dry leaves, grass and other combustible debris.
- Avoid storing cardboard, paper or other flammable materials outdoors.
- Keep combustible materials away from buildings, fences and heat sources.
- Dispose of yard waste promptly — never allow dry vegetation to accumulate.
- Follow all community rules regarding barbecues, propane and outdoor cooking appliances.

USE BARBECUES WITH CARE

- Never leave a barbecue unattended while it is in use.
- Keep barbecues a safe distance from siding, railings and combustible materials.
- Check propane hoses and connections regularly for damage or leaks.
- Keep the barbecue clean and remove grease buildup.
- Make sure the barbecue is completely turned off after use.

BE CAREFUL WITH SMOKING MATERIALS

Never dispose of cigarettes or smoking materials in planters, garden beds, grass, mulch or from balconies.

Use a sturdy, non-combustible container designed for cigarette disposal and ensure smoking materials are completely extinguished.

Potting soil, peat moss and dry planters can ignite and smoulder for hours before a fire is noticed.

HELP KEEP EMERGENCY ACCESS CLEAR

Fire lanes, hydrants, entrances and emergency access routes must remain unobstructed.

Never park or leave personal belongings in designated fire lanes or emergency access areas — even temporarily.

WHAT IS FIRE SAFETY?

Fire safety is everyone's responsibility. Simple actions and awareness can prevent fires and save lives.

- Reduce the risk of fire in your home and community
- Protect your family, neighbours and property
- Ensure quick response in the event of an emergency
- Help maintain a safe and insurable community

The goal is to prevent fires and minimize the risk to life, property and the environment.

FIRE SAFETY: OPERATING BUDGET VS. RESERVE FUND

OPERATING BUDGET (DAY-TO-DAY EXPENSES)	RESERVE FUND (MAJOR REPAIRS & REPLACEMENTS)
Snow Removal	Roof Replacement
Landscaping	Asphalt Replacement
Utilities	Exterior Siding
Insurance	Windows
Management Fees	Building Envelope Repairs
Cleaning	Mechanical Systems
Minor Repairs	Elevators
	Paving & Drainage
	Fencing & Retaining Walls

DID YOU KNOW?

- Fires can spread in less than 3 minutes.
- The leading cause of condo fires is unattended cooking.
- Dryer lint is highly flammable. Clean your dryer vent and lint trap regularly.
- Overloaded outlets and extension cords are a common cause of electrical fires.
- A small fire can release toxic smoke in minutes. Working smoke alarms save lives.
- In a multi-unit building, one fire can impact many homes.
- After a fire, water damage from firefighting can be extensive and costly.

A few simple actions today can prevent a tragedy tomorrow.

INSIDE YOUR HOME

- Test smoke alarms regularly.
- Replace batteries as required and never disable a smoke alarm.
- Avoid overloading electrical outlets or extension cords.
- Replace damaged electrical cords and chargers.
- Never leave candles or cooking unattended.
- Keep hallways, entrances and exits clear.

GARAGES & STORAGE AREAS

Keep garages and storage areas organized and free from unnecessary combustible materials.

Gasoline, propane and other flammable products should only be stored where permitted and in accordance with your condominium's rules and applicable fire-safety requirements.

BEFORE YOU HEAD OUT...

CHECK IT.
CLEAR IT.
EXTINGUISH IT.

Take a few minutes to look around your home and patio before you leave. Small actions make a big difference in keeping our community safe.

QUESTIONS?

Are you unsure about fire safety requirements in your community?

Contact your Board or Property Manager.

OUR GOAL IS SIMPLE.

Helping Boards make informed decisions while protecting the long-term interests of their communities.

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COMPLIMENTARY BOARD CONSULTATION

Whether you're tackling a new challenge or seeking to enhance your community, we're here to help. A short conversation today could help prevent costly issues tomorrow.