



RESORT MUNICIPALITY OF WHISTLER

Interface Construction Restriction Exemption Form – Tree Service Companies

WATER CONSERVATION STAGES

STAGE 1, 2 & 3: Approved construction exemptions are permitted to be used.

STAGE 4: Approved construction exemptions are NOT PERMITTED to be used.

In accordance with Bylaw 2201, 2019 all Interface Construction Exemption applications will be subject to a non-refundable site inspection fee of \$150. Application Process:

- 1) Complete the application form and remit payment to Municipal Hall using one of the following methods;
 - Interac E-Transfer from a Canadian bank account to finance@whistler.ca stating the application address and "Construction Exemption" in the message area. *(Your bank must be able to send automatic deposits that do not require a password).
 - Cheque Payment by mail to 4325 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC, V8E 0X5, or via the drop box outside the main entrance of Municipal Hall.
 - Credit Card by email to finance@whistler.ca to arrange phone payment. A 2.2% credit card fee applies.
- 2) Submit to Whistler Fire Rescue Service via the Municipal Hall drop box, or by email to fire@whistler.ca
- 3) WFRS will contact you to schedule an inspection of your work site.

If approved, this form will be signed & dated by the Issuing Officer upon inspection. Please ensure a copy of the signed form is posted at your site.

Property Address:

Contractor:

Phone:

Email:

Site Contact:

Site Details and Description of High Risk Construction activities (e.g. blasting, excavating, drilling, grinding, hot works, mechanical brushing or land clearing, using fire or spark producing tools, including cutting tools);

I hereby agree to any Mitigating Measures as outlined in Appendix A and the Construction Restrictions outlined in Appendix B. I understand that I may be liable for the costs associated with wildfire suppression in the event of a fire. **EXEMPTION PERMITS ARE NOT APPROVED UNTIL SIGNED BY AN ISSUING OFFICER.**

Applicant Name:

Signature:

Please submit completed form to fire@whistler.ca. Your site will be subject to inspection. If your request is approved, this form will be signed & dated by the Issuing Officer and returned to you.

PLEASE POST THE APPROVED FORM, SIGNED & DATED BY THE ISSUING OFFICER, ON SITE.

******* OFFICE USE ONLY *******

Issuing Officer:

Date:

APPENDIX A

MITIGATING MEASURES

Site Wet-down Requirements:

- Water delivery system on site (water supply and hose)
- Wet down forested area and vegetation within 10 meters of work area for 1 hour each day or until the ground is saturated to a depth of 2 inches and all exposed roots are well saturated before starting the work, midway through the work and when the work is completed.

Fire Watch:

- Minimum 2-hour fire watch required after construction ceases each day.

Other Site-Specific Requirements:

- HIGH Fire Danger Rating:** High-risk construction activity in the interface area (within 10 metres of the forest) shall cease at 1300 hours each day and a minimum two-hour fire watch is required after construction ceases
- EXTREME Fire Danger Rating:** All high-risk construction activity in the interface area (within 10 metres of the forest) shall cease and a minimum two-hour fire watch is required after all other (non-high risk) construction ceases.
- Fuel Reduction**
- Ladder Fuels Removed**
- Surface Fuels Removed**
- Crown Spacing**
- Other: Chainsaws not to be placed down on the combustible surfaces. Chippers must be placed so that the chipper does not create a hazard to surrounding combustibles.**

Notes:

Firefighting Equipment Required:

- Water Delivery System (water supply and hose)**
- Fire Extinguisher(s)**
- Shovel/Pulaski**
- Other:**

APPENDIX B

Construction Restrictions:

When in a **HIGH** Fire Danger Rating, all high-risk construction activity in the interface area (within 10 metres of the forest) **shall cease at 1300 hours each day** and a **minimum two-hour fire watch** is required after construction ceases. When in an **EXTREME** Fire Danger Rating, all high-risk construction activity in the interface area (within 10 metres of the forest) **shall cease** and a **minimum two-hour fire watch** is required after all other (non-high risk) construction ceases.

Find out more about the [Fire Danger Rating](#). Check the [BC Wildfire Service's Current Fire Danger Rating](#) and forecast. Whistler's fire danger rating is listed as "Cheakamus". Please note that the **forecast data is highlighted in blue**, and the **actual data is usually posted mid-afternoon**. The actual data may or may not confirm the forecasted data.

Water Conservation Stages: Approved construction exemptions and tree services exemptions are only permitted to be used during Water Conservation Stages 1, 2 and 3. Approved construction exemptions and tree services exemptions are NOT PERMITTED during Water Conservation Stage 4, as site exemption mitigation measures could compromise the low municipal water supply during that stage.

Get updates about [Water Conservation Stages](#).

HIGH

If the Fire Danger Rating is HIGH, these regulations apply:

All high-risk construction activity in the interface area (within 10 metres of the forest) shall cease at 1300 hours each day and a minimum two-hour fire watch is required after construction ceases.

Examples of high-risk activity may include, but are not limited to:

Preparation or use of Explosives

Excavating

Drilling

Grinding

Hot works such as welding

Mechanical Brushing or Land Clearing

Trenching

Using Fire or Spark Producing Tools, Including Cutting Tools

Using or Preparing Fireworks or Pyrotechnics

The following activities may continue after 1300 hours during a High fire danger rating:

Work inside a structure (excluding hot works such as welding)

Work with non-powered hand tools

Heavy-duty equipment or small engines may continue to work in areas around a site where they are not within 10 metres of the interface.

Construction activity may resume to a regular schedule only after the fire danger falls to Moderate or Low

EXTREME

If the Fire Danger Rating is EXTREME these regulations apply in addition to the regulations for HIGH Fire Danger Rating above:

All high-risk construction activity in the interface area (within 10 metres of the forest) shall cease.

The following activities may continue during an Extreme fire danger rating:

Work inside a structure (excluding hot works)

Work with non-powered hand tools

Heavy-duty equipment or small engines may continue to work in areas around a site where they are not within 10 metres of the interface.

As explained in the regulations, all other work shall maintain a minimum two-hour fire watch after construction ceases.

High risk construction activity may resume to the 1300 hour schedule when the fire danger falls to High.

All construction restrictions shall be lifted when the danger rating is at Moderate or Low.