



CASTLEGAR

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The City of Castlegar in partnership with the Selkirk College Forestry Program, will be conducting FireSmart vegetation management activities on City-owned forested land off of 14th Avenue and 26th Street. This area is near the Waterline road and adjacent to the Kinnaird Park Community Church.

FireSmart is a national initiative to help property owners and communities understand ways in which wildfire might threaten structures and property located in, and close to, forested and wildland areas, and the steps individuals and communities can take to mitigate the threat of damage to buildings and property by wildfires. For more information on this initiative, please visit <https://firesmartbc.ca>

Beginning this week, Glacier Tree Maintenance will be removing standing dead and hazard trees on the City's land and Selkirk College Forestry Technology Program students will commence their forestry field school starting April 24th by conducting fuel management plots, risk assessments and treating the forested City-owned property by removing dead brush, trimming trees etc...

During the work, members of the public are urged to observe the activity at a distance, however, in the interest of public safety, the public is asked not enter the area of the project operation. The area will be clearly marked with signs.

On April 28th, Selkirk College Forestry Program Students will conduct free FireSmart Assessments to private property owners that have responded to the information cards that were hand delivered by members of the Castlegar Fire Department on Monday April 8th.

Thank you for your co-operation in advance. Please contact the Castlegar Fire Department should anyone have any questions at:

firehall@castlegar.ca

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