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Air quality warning ended for Golden - open burning restrictions remain in effect

November 7, 2025

The Ministry of Environment and Parks in collaboration with the Interior Health Authority has ended the Air Quality Warning that was issued on November 06, 2025 for Golden due to elevated levels of fine particulate matter.

Local air quality has improved due to changing meteorological conditions.

Open burning restrictions remain in effect within 50 km of the Golden hospital. No new fires may be initiated, and no additional material may be added to existing fires. For more information on burning restrictions, refer to the Mandatory Emission Reduction Actions section below.

Mandatory emission reduction actions

- As pollution is occurring or is likely to occur from open burning, pursuant to Sections 30(1) and 30(2) of the Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation, the Director has prohibited open burning within 50 km of the Golden hospital until November 08, 2025 11:00 AM local time. No vegetative debris may be ignited or added to ignited piles. Contravention of these provisions may be subject to a fine under the Regulation.

Date issued: November 07, 2025

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More information

Current conditions

The provincial air quality objective for PM_{2.5} is 25 micrograms per cubic metre ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) averaged over 24 hours. 24-hour average PM_{2.5} concentrations are summarized below for Golden and nearest monitored communities at 11:00 AM local time today:

Community	Golden	Castlegar	Cranbrook	Elkford	Sparwood
24-hr average ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	12.5	5.1	2.7	3.8	2.3

Visit the provincial [air quality data webpage](#) for real-time observations.

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Media questions regarding this Air Quality Warning

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Media questions regarding health implications related to degraded air quality

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