

Use of Parks and Protected Lands

Visitor Use

Generator use

Purpose

This policy restricts the recreational use of generators in provincial parks, conservancies, protected areas and recreation areas.

Background

Generator use in provincial protected areas has steadily increased over the past few years, and not all visitors are accepting of their use. Generators can be very noisy and disruptive to a visitor's experience. In addition, the exhaust from generators can pose a serious health hazard for nearby visitors with respiratory medical conditions i.e. asthma. Reducing the hours of generator use will help reduce air pollution, greenhouse gas emissions, fuel consumption and noise levels in protected areas.

It is important all visitors have a pleasant stay while visiting BC Parks campgrounds, day-use sites, and marine protected areas. For this reason, BC Parks has developed this policy to allow the use of generators, but only during designated time periods.

The use of "inverter generators" (i.e. energy efficient/low noise) is preferred over the use of industrial size generators. Although generator use is permitted, the use of portable solar panels is strongly encouraged.

Scope

This policy applies generator use within all campgrounds, day-use sites in provincial parks, conservancies, protected areas, recreation areas. This policy applies to generators used on boats moored within the boundaries of a marine protected area. This policy does not apply to commercial vessels or vessels that require continual power generation.

Policy

Generator use is only permitted between the hours of **9am – 11am**, and from **6pm – 8pm**.

Generators must be placed on designated campsite pads, and not in surrounding vegetation.

Generator use is not permitted in walk-in campsites.

Exemptions to this policy may be granted for visitors that require generators for medical purposes.

A park visitor not in compliance with this policy may receive a warning, a fine, and/or may be evicted from the park by a Park Officer or Park Facility Operator for continued non-compliance.