

## Forest Fire Regulations in Effect



**Photo:** Conception Bay South Firefighter Kevin Whelan runs a portable firefighting pump during a recent training session in preparation for the 2006 forest fire season.

The Conception Bay South Fire Department reminds residents that the forest fire season on the island portion of the province began on Friday, May 5. During forest fire season, a Permit to Burn is required for lighting outdoor fires for the purpose of clearing land or burning of brush within 300 metres of forest land. The forest fire regulations remain in effect until midnight of September 24.

All fires must be constantly supervised and not left unattended. Ensure that the fire is completely extinguished before leaving the site. A person who fails to comply with Forest Fire Regulations is guilty of an offence and is subject to a fine or possible imprisonment. Residents are advised that these regulations shall be strictly enforced.

The Fire Department encourages all residents to be responsible and avoid causing needless responses to outdoor fire alarms as it ties up manpower and equipment. Residents are also reminded to have consideration for neighboring properties when lighting fires, as smoke can be bothersome. Many homes are equipped with air exchangers and the units

literally draw smoke into homes causing irritation for residents, especially those with asthma or other medical conditions.

Burning permits can only be obtained from the Department of Forestry, Paddy's Pond Office at 729-4180. The CBS Fire Department does not issue permits.

Visit the Fire Departments website at [www.firedept.conceptionbaysouth.ca](http://www.firedept.conceptionbaysouth.ca) for more Fire Prevention tips and to learn more about the Conception Bay South Fire Department.

