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**To:** Islands2050  
**Subject:** FW: FW: Prohibit Yard Waste burning 12 Month a year on any of the Gulf Islands.

**From:** Matthias [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 24, 2021 12:37 PM  
**To:** Lori Foster <[lfoster@islandstrust.bc.ca](mailto:lfoster@islandstrust.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Prohibit Yard Waste 12 Month a year on any of the Gulf Islands.

Dear Island Trust,

I would like to submit a petition to **Prohibit ANY yard waste burning on any of the Gulf Islands** at any time of the year.

In my opinion it is time to move on and 'to put one's money where one's mouth is'. Enough talking about protecting environment doing is the **only** thing which will bring any change.

Island Trust is in the position to show that protecting the environment and reducing a fire hazard on any of the islands is more important as the convenience of burning waste. Any brush and yard waste has a better purpose as compost and fertilizer as to pollute the environment with smoke and CO2. Plus it would reduce a big headache for the fire departments. All full or part time residence of the Gulf Islands should take responsibility and do something.

I would really appreciate to see some change.

Another thing would be to encourage or regulate that the islanders reduce the number of lawn cuttings and prohibit the use of leave blower on all of the islands. A rake does the same job and even provide some physical exercise! And lawn cuttings are one perfect compost/fertilizer. Even for fertilizing the lawn itself. If people like to live in a perfect, organized 'clean' world than please live in the city with their 'clean concrete and pavement'. But not on the Islands. Nature, Bees, butterflies, all insects can only survive if there is enough nature left. And every little piece helps. There is no difference when you cut a lawn 10+ times a year, a 'nice' short cut lawn or pour concrete and paint it green.

Please excuse my straightforward and unsophisticated request. I hope my email is formal enough for any kind of petition. If not please let me know and I try my best to achieve the required standard.

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**Best Regards,  
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