



Press Release

Skagit County Fire Marshal

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Skagit County lifts outdoor burn ban for areas east of the Swinomish Channel.

Effective September 14, 2018, and until further notice, residential yard and land-clearing fires are permitted in areas EAST of the Swinomish Channel and within unincorporated Skagit County. Areas WEST of the Swinomish channel will remain in the “modified” burn ban with only campfires allowed at this time for fire safety.

Burn restrictions are still in effect on all Washington State Department of Natural Resources lands. No fires are allowed on DNR-managed recreational sites in Skagit County. Campfires, including those within fire rings, and use of charcoal briquettes are prohibited. Propane camp stoves are allowed. These burn restrictions are in place until Sept. 30, 2018.

Within unincorporated Skagit County, burn permits are required for piles exceeding 4 feet by 4 feet. Burn permit requests may be submitted by phone at 360-416-1840, and will be processed in the order received.

Residential yard and land-clearing fires may contain only natural vegetation (leaves, grass, and tree trimmings). Garbage, household trash, lumber, building construction waste, or demolition debris may not be burned.

Please burn responsibly. Remember smoke, odor, or ash that unreasonably interferes with the use and enjoyment of neighboring properties is prohibited.

If your property is within an incorporated city or town, or within an urban growth area, please contact your local fire department for burn restriction information.

If you have questions about open burning in Skagit County, please contact the Skagit County Fire Marshal’s Office at 360-416-1840, or visit our Outdoor Burning webpage at www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/FireMarshal/burning.htm