Permanent Statewide Outdoor Burn Ban

For residential yard debris and land-clearing burning

State Law RCW 70.94

Washington State law is phasing-out outdoor burning to protect public health. Residential yard debris and land-clearing burning is banned in all urban growth areas (UGA) and the following cities/towns:

**Whatcom County:**
1. Bellingham
2. Birch Bay*
3. Blaine
4. Cherry Point*
5. Columbia Valley* (Paradise Valley, Peaceful Valley, Kendall)
6. Everson
7. Ferndale
8. Lynden
9. Nooksack
10. Sumas

**Skagit County:**
1. Anacortes
2. Bay View*
3. Burlington
4. Concrete
5. Hamilton
6. La Conner
7. Lyman
8. Mt. Vernon
9. Sedro-Wooley
10. March Point*

**Island County:**
1. Coupeville
2. Freeland*
3. Langley
4. Oak Harbor

* UGAs not associated with a city or town. Call your local planning department for UGA boundaries.

Legal Burning

Wood stoves & fireplaces are not affected.

Recreational fires are allowed by state law, although local jurisdictions may have more stringent regulations. Call your local fire department for more information. Recreational fires consist of charcoal or untreated firewood and are used for cooking or pleasure.

Prohibited Burning

Residential fires: fires for disposal of leaves, clippings and other yard and garden debris.

Land-clearing fires: fires for disposal of natural vegetation generated from land-clearing projects.

Violations of State law may result in fines. To find out what alternatives to burning are available in your area, contact your local solid waste department.

General State Outdoor Burning Rules

If you live in an area where burning is allowed and choose to burn, please follow these guidelines:

- Only natural vegetation may be burned
- Burning in burn barrels is prohibited
- Impacting neighbors with smoke, odor or ash is prohibited
- Ask your fire official about permit requirements
- Construction, renovation or demolition materials may not be burned
- Don’t burn during a burn ban

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