



## Press Release

Skagit County Fire Marshal

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## Complete burn ban in effect Aug. 18 for all of Skagit County

Due to the hot weather conditions ahead and low fuel moisture levels within Skagit County, the Skagit County Fire Marshal's Office joins the State of Washington Department of Natural Resources, Island County, and Whatcom County in banning outdoor burning, including campfires.

**Effective August 18, 2016 and until further notice, outdoor burning is banned in Unincorporated Skagit County with the exception of agricultural burning.**

Enclosed barbeque and propane fire pits are allowed in improved areas and on non-combustible surfaces which are a minimum of ten feet from vegetation or combustible materials. The use of a charcoal barbeque is allowed only on private property. Fire pits or similar enclosures with a metal grate are NOT considered barbeques. Charcoal and ash should be discarded in a metal container and doused with water. The container should be kept ten feet from vegetation or combustible materials for 72 hours.

If you are within the limits of an incorporated city or town, check with your fire department for current burning restrictions.

If you have questions about open burning in Skagit County please contact the Skagit County Fire Marshal's Office at (360) 416-1840, or our Outdoor Burning website at <http://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/FireMarshal/burning.htm>.