



Press Release

Skagit County Fire Marshal

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Complete burn ban in effect Aug. 2 for all of Skagit County

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

This full burn ban is effective Aug. 2, until further notice.

Enclosed outdoor gas-fueled appliances are still allowed, provided the use is over a non-flammable surface and is at least 10 feet from combustible materials or vegetation. Charcoal cooking appliances are allowed at private residences only. Discarded charcoal and ash should be doused with water and kept in a metal container, away from combustible materials, for at least 72 hours.

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

This ban does not pertain to agricultural burning permitted through the Northwest Clean Air Agency or Silvicultural burning permitted through Washington State Department of Natural Resources. For information on active permits, contact those agencies directly.

If you have any questions about open burning in Skagit County please contact the Skagit County Fire Marshal's Office at 360-416-1842, or our website at <http://skagitcounty.net/Departments/FireMarshal/main.htm>.

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