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## Fall weather brings end to fire safety burn bans

Fire officials in rural Island, Skagit, and Whatcom counties are canceling fire safety burn bans because of wet, cooler weather has eased outdoor fire danger.

During periods of elevated fire dangers and dry conditions, county fire officials can call for bans on different types of burning in unincorporated areas.

- On Sept. 26, Island County lifted its fire safety burn ban: <https://www.islandcountywa.gov/218/Sheriffs-Office>
- On Sept. 27, Skagit County will lift its fire safety burn ban: <https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/Home/press/092623.htm>
- On Sept. 27, Whatcom County is lifting its fire safety burn ban: <https://www.whatcomcounty.us/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=4026>

The [Northwest Clean Air Agency](#) does not issue fire safety burn bans. The agency can call air quality burn bans depending on the amount of smoke pollution in the air, such as when winds carry wildfire smoke into NWCAA's jurisdiction (Island, Skagit, and Whatcom counties).

### Air quality information

- Local air quality information: [Northwest Clean Air Agency](#).
- Statewide air quality monitoring: [Washington Department of Ecology](#).

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**The Northwest Clean Air Agency** is responsible for enforcing federal, state, and local air quality regulations in Island, Skagit, and Whatcom counties. In addition to permitting and regulating industrial sources of air pollution, the agency provides services and information related to asbestos, indoor air quality, outdoor burning, woodstoves, and fireplaces. More information about the agency is available at <https://nwcleanairwa.gov/>.