

Campfire facts and Safety Tips

Thank you for helping keep our forests green by taking the time to ensure your campfire ring is safe. Did you know that 45% of all wildland fires are caused by human carelessness? Every year we respond to numerous abandoned campfires! We need your help to reduce that number significantly.

To properly extinguish your campfire, follow these easy instructions:

1. Drown fire thoroughly with water.
2. Stir until cold
3. Drown fire again and stir.
4. NEVER leave fires unattended until completely extinguished.

When a fire is lit:

- Keep 5 gallons of water and a shovel on site.
- Keep fire less than 3 feet in height and diameter.

Fire Safety and Common Sense

- Light fires on your property , or with landowner permission
- Do not light a campfire or burn an open fire when the wind is strong.
- Do not light a campfire or open fire when fire danger is too high (See next page).
- Use a screen over and around your fire.



A properly constructed campfire ring can save the loss of resources and money

To report a wildfire or unattended/ escaped campfire:

**1-800-562-6010
or 9-1-1**

Or to obtain information on fire-danger levels or burn bans in your county,
<http://www2.wadnr.gov/burn-risk/index.html>

For more information regarding fire prevention, please contact:

Washington State DNR

Olympia Headquarters
Olympia, WA
360-902-1000

Northeast Region Office
Colville, WA
509-684-7474

Southeast Region Office
Ellensburg, WA
509-925-8510

South Puget Sound Region Office
Enumclaw, WA
360-825-1631

Northwest Region Office
Sedro Woolley, WA
360-856-3500

Pacific Cascade Region Office
Castle Rock, WA
360-577-2025

Olympic Region Office
Forks, WA
360-374-6131



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Proper Outdoor Campfire Ring/Enclosure Design

Minimum Standards For A Safe Recreation/ Home Site Fire Ring

- Enclosure must be made from steel or non-combustible material. Must be solid structure or screened with 1/8" steel mesh.
- Standard ring size—max 36" diameter, between 7 3/8" and 16" high.
- Dig the pit down to mineral soil.
- Backfill with Cement (4 inches thick, minimum)
- Put a 1 1/2 foot radius of rock/gravel around the ring.
- Have a 10 foot radius area free of combustible material around the ring.
- Remove branches and other overhead fuels 10 feet vertically above the ring.
- Enclosure/ring must be 25' from all structures.
- Enclosure/ring must be maintained and cleaned out after each use.

Proper Design for Your Home Fire Ring

