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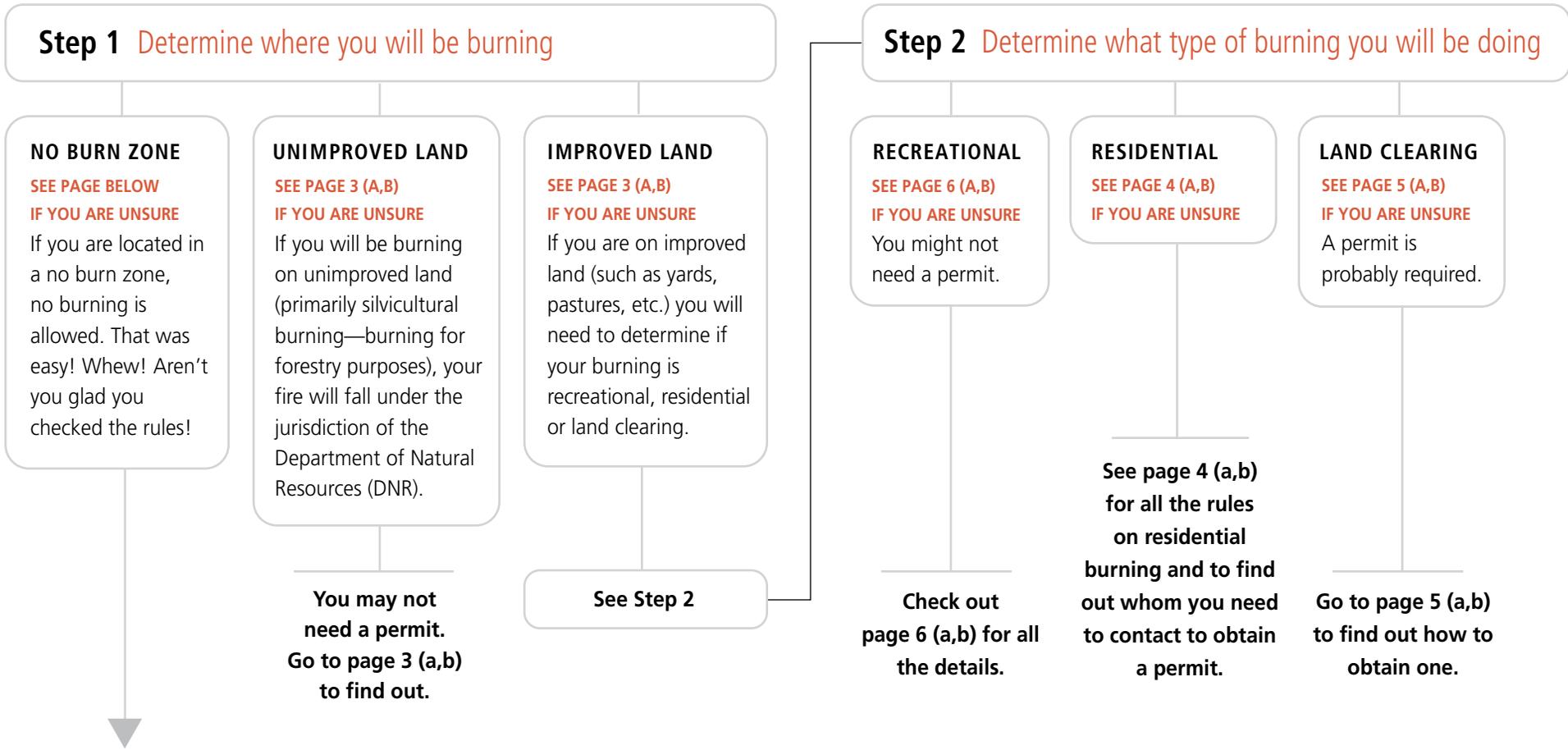
FOLLOW THE RULES

CALL 800-323-BURN



OUTDOOR BURNING RULES FOR SKAMANIA, CLARK, COWLITZ, WAHKIAKUM AND LEWIS COUNTIES

Burning responsibly is the best way to prevent unwanted wildfires and thousands of dollars in suppression costs. Escaped debris burns are a leading cause of wildfires in the State of Washington. This brochure is full of information and tips to help you burn safely and legally.



Step 1 Determine where you will be burning

Step 2 Determine what type of burning you will be doing

NO BURN ZONE

SEE PAGE BELOW
IF YOU ARE UNSURE

If you are located in a no burn zone, no burning is allowed. That was easy! Whew! Aren't you glad you checked the rules!

UNIMPROVED LAND

SEE PAGE 3 (A,B)
IF YOU ARE UNSURE

If you will be burning on unimproved land (primarily silvicultural burning—burning for forestry purposes), your fire will fall under the jurisdiction of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

You may not need a permit.
Go to page 3 (a,b) to find out.

IMPROVED LAND

SEE PAGE 3 (A,B)
IF YOU ARE UNSURE

If you are on improved land (such as yards, pastures, etc.) you will need to determine if your burning is recreational, residential or land clearing.

See Step 2

RECREATIONAL

SEE PAGE 6 (A,B)
IF YOU ARE UNSURE

You might not need a permit.

Check out page 6 (a,b) for all the details.

RESIDENTIAL

SEE PAGE 4 (A,B)
IF YOU ARE UNSURE

See page 4 (a,b) for all the rules on residential burning and to find out whom you need to contact to obtain a permit.

LAND CLEARING

SEE PAGE 5 (A,B)
IF YOU ARE UNSURE

A permit is probably required.

Go to page 5 (a,b) to find out how to obtain one.

No Burn Zones

▼ COUNTY REQUIREMENTS

WAHIAKUM	LEWIS	COWLITZ	CLARK	SKAMANIA
<p>Public Works (360) 795-3067</p>	<p>Dept. of Community Development (360) 740-1133</p>	<p>Southwest Clean Air Agency (SWCAA) 1-800-633-0709</p>	<p>Fire Marshal's Office (360) 397-2186</p>	<p>Southwest Clean Air Agency (SWCAA) 1-800-633-0709</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As of 2009, Wahkiakum County does not have any No Burn Zones, though some may be designated in the future based on population density.¹ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As of 2009, Lewis County has nine No Burn Zone, and more may be designated in the future¹, based on population density. No burning is allowed inside the city limits of Centralia and Chehalis or their surrounding urban growth areas.² These are urban growth areas of Centralia, Chehalis, Napavine, Pe Ell, Winlock, Toledo, Vader, Mossyrock and Morton. Visit www.swcleanair.org/lewis.html for maps or call the Southwest Clean Air Agency at 1-800-633-0709. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As of 2009, Cowlitz County has three No Burn Zone, and more may be designated in the future, based on population density. No burning is allowed within the Expanded Longview/Kelso No Burn Zone, which includes the cities of Longview and Kelso; densely populated areas bordering these two cities; and the urban growth areas of Castle Rock and Woodland, and the Longview/Kelso Expanded No Burn Area.¹ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As of 2009, Clark County has five No Burn Zones, and more may be designated in the future, based on population density. No burning is allowed within the southern Clark County and Expanded Battle Ground No Burn Zones, which jointly include the cities of Vancouver, Camas, Washougal, Battle Ground; densely populated areas bordering these four cities; and the South Clark County No Burn Area (including Vancouver, Camas and Washougal) and the urban growth areas of Battle Ground, La Center, Ridgefield and Yacolt.² 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As of 2009, Skamania County does not have any No Burn Zones, though some may be designated in the future¹, based on population density.³

¹ To find out if you live within a “No Burning Zone” call Southwest Clean Air Agency at 1-800-633-0709 or visit www.swcleanair.org/burninginfo.html to see a map of the No Burn Zone in your area.

² Except for camp/recreational fires under 3x3x2 feet, all outdoor burning of yard, forest, and land clearing debris is permanently prohibited.

³ Burning natural vegetation outdoors is allowed on all non-federal lands in the county, except during temporary state or local burn bans to reduce the risk of air pollution or hazardous wildfires.



Regulations for Silvicultural Burning and Burning on Unimproved* Property

JURISDICTION OF THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

No permit is required if the burn meets ALL of the following criteria:

- ▶ At least one person age 16 or older who is capable of putting out the fire and has a method of calling 9-1-1 must be in attendance at all times.
- ▶ Only one pile is burning at a time.
- ▶ Winds are calm or light and do not exceed 7 to 10 miles per hour.
- ▶ A fire break is clear and is free of flammable material. Rule of thumb is 1.5 times the height of the pile.
- ▶ Between July 1 and October 15, the pile is less than 4 feet across OR between October 16 and June 30, the pile is less than 10 feet across.

A permit is required when any one of the conditions listed cannot be met. The permit fee is based on the estimated fuel. At time of printing, the permit fee for piles up to 100 tons is \$25.50.

See <http://www.dnr.wa.gov/htdocs/rp/feesched.htm> for a complete fee schedule.

Call DNR's Pacific Cascade Regional Office at (360) 577-2025 to acquire a burn permit. Allow up to one week for the permit.

Keep your fire safe and legal

DNR investigates and pursues recovery of all reasonable expenses for wildfires started through negligence on DNR protected lands. Follow your permit to stay safe and legal.

*** What is unimproved property?**

Lands that are not irrigated, mowed, or otherwise maintained including pastures, brush lands, scrub forests and forests.

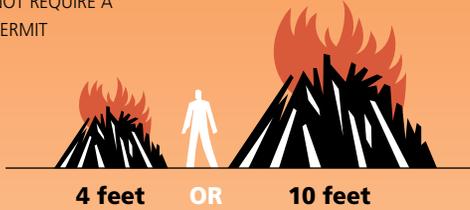
Silvicultural Burning

▲ IMPORTANT INFORMATION

▼ GENERAL ADVICE

Rule Burn

A FIRE THAT DOES NOT REQUIRE A PERMIT



JULY 1 TO
OCTOBER 15

OR

OCTOBER 16
TO JUNE 30



Not more than one burn pile at a time.

Permit Burn

A PERMIT IS REQUIRED IF THE PILE EXCEEDS REQUIREMENTS ALLOWED BY THE RULE BURN

Burn only when winds are calm or light, and do not exceed 7-10 miles per hour.

TIP Dry fuel burns hot, clean and quick. Avoid burning wet debris. A clean fire creates less smoke.

Keep shovels, axes and a rake on site.



At least one person age 16 or older who is capable of putting the fire out must be in attendance at all times, with a method to contact 9-1-1 if needed.



Keep sufficient tools and water available.

See permit for specific recommendations and requirements.



Burn pile must be **50 feet** away from any structure, standing timber or power lines. Burns need to be 500 feet from logging slash. Contact DNR offices for more details.

PERMITTED BURN

A permit is required if the pile exceeds requirements allowed by the Rule Burn.

Clear all flammable material within **1.5 times** the height of the pile.



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FOR CURRENT BURN BAN INFORMATION**

FOR WINTER TIME BURNING
CALL 1-800-633-0709 (SWCAA)

WAHKIAKUM	LEWIS	COWLITZ	CLARK	SKAMANIA
<p>Public Works (360) 795-3067</p>	<p>Comm. Dev. Permit Center (360) 740-1146</p>	<p>SWCAA 1-800-633-0709</p>	<p>Fire Marshal's Office (360) 397-2186</p>	<p>Public Works (509) 427-3920</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ A Small Burn Permit is required for piles up to 4x4x3 feet. This permit is free and can be obtained at your local fire station or by going to the public works department at the county courthouse. ▶ A Large Burn Permit is required for all piles larger than 4x4x3. These permits are free and can be obtained at the public works department at the county courthouse. These permits require review and approval before they are valid and may require a site inspection depending on the fire danger. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Outside the No Burn Zones, a free permit is required for all pile sizes outside of urban areas. You may obtain this permit by visiting http://burnpermit.lewiscountywa.gov ▶ Burning is only allowed during daylight hours in non-urban areas of Lewis County. Call Lewis County Community Development at (360) 740-1133 for burn restrictions. ▶ For burning in urban areas, call the Southwest Clean Air Agency at 1-800-633-0709. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Outside the No Burn Zones, no permit is required for burn piles smaller than 4x4x3 feet. Outside the Longview/ Kelso No-Burn Area, a free written permit is required for piles between 4x4x3 and 10x10x6 feet. These are available from your local fire department or town hall. You may also obtain one in the mail by calling the Southwest Clean Air Agency (SWCAA) at 1-800-633-0709 or visit www.swcleanair.org to download the permit. ▶ All burns must comply with local ordinances and seasonal restrictions. Call your local fire department or town hall for specific requirements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Outside the No-Burn Zones, a free written permit is required for piles smaller than 10x10x6 feet. Permits usually are available from local fire departments. If not, call the Clark County Fire Marshal's Office at (360) 397-2186 for permit locations. Residential burn permits are also available online at www.swcleanair.org/clark.html. ▶ For residential burning of piles greater than 10x10x6 feet a land clearing permit will be required. See page 5A. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ All residential burning of piles smaller than 10x10x5 feet requires a free small fire permit. ▶ Burning of piles between 4x4x3 and 10x10x5 feet is allowed only between October 16 and June 30. Piles of natural vegetation smaller than 4x4x3 feet may be burned year round, except during seasonal burn bans. ▶ Permits usually may be obtained from your local fire department or town hall. They also may be obtained from Skamania County Public Works at (509) 427-3920. For piles larger than 10x10x5 feet, see land clearing requirements on page 5A.

Residential Burning

▲ COUNTY REQUIREMENTS

▼ GENERAL ADVICE



All counties require permits (many are free) for fires between 4 and 10 feet. For piles larger than 10 feet, see instructions for Land Clearing (page 5).



Always obtain the landowner's permission before lighting any fire.

Keep sufficient water available: Recommendation for fires 10 feet in diameter or less is a charged garden hose long enough to reach around the fire.

At least one person age 16 or older who is capable of putting out the fire must be in attendance at all times.

Clean, no-dirt fire. Dry fuel burns hot, clean and quick. Avoid burning wet woody debris. A clean fire creates less smoke.

Only one pile may be burned at a time, unless you have had the site inspected and paid the applicable fee. Allow one week for on-site inspection. Multiple pile permits run \$100 in most counties.



Keep a shovel and rake on site.

Completely extinguish the fire. Never leave a fire unattended!

Burning of any material, except firewood and natural vegetation grown on the property, is prohibited.



The fire should be **50 feet** away from any structure, standing timber or power lines.

50 FEET OR MORE

3 to 10 FEET FIRE WIDTH

1.5 times FIRE HEIGHT

Clear a firebreak around your fire that is free of flammable material. Rule of thumb is **1.5 times** the height of the pile.



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ A Large Burn Permit is required for land clearing burning. These permits are free and can be obtained at the public works department at the county courthouse. These permits require review and approval before they are valid and may require a site inspection depending on the fire danger. Call (360) 795-3067 for more information. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ A permit is required to burn piles of land clearing debris outside of urban areas of Lewis County. ▶ Visit http://burnpermit.lewiscountywa.gov to obtain a free permit. The permit is valid for piles 20 feet in diameter by 12 feet high. Note that seasonal restrictions may apply. Call (360) 740-1133 for a recorded message on burn restrictions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Burn piles of land clearing debris or piles larger than 10x10x6 feet outside the Longview/Kelso and the urban growth areas of Castle Rock and Woodland No-Burn Areas require a permit. ▶ Contact the Southwest Clean Air Agency (SWCAA) at 1-800-633-0709 to request a Burn Permit. There is a \$100 fee for this permit. ▶ All burns must comply with local ordinances and seasonal restrictions. Call your local fire department or town hall for burn permit locations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ A written permit and site inspection is required for piles larger than 10x10x6 feet and for land clearing operations. ▶ Call the Clark County Fire Marshal's Office at (360) 397-2186 to schedule an appointment, which likely will take place within one week of the request. ▶ There is a fee for the permit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ For piles larger than 10x10x5 feet, call Southwest Clean Air Agency (SWCAA) at 1-800-633-0709 to request a land clearing Burn Permit. Applications can be mailed, faxed, or downloaded at www.swcleanair.org/skamania.html. ▶ There is a \$100 fee for this permit.

Land Clearing Burning

▲ COUNTY REQUIREMENTS

▼ GENERAL ADVICE



All counties require permits to burn land clearing debris piles 10 feet or larger. Wahkiakum County requires a permit, free of charge, for any size pile of land clearing debris.



Always obtain the landowner's permission before lighting any fire.



Keep sufficient tools and water available.

Your permit will tell you exactly which tools, water and personnel need to be on site. Follow these instructions and all other conditions on your permit exactly as written. This is the best way to make sure you are burning safely and legally.

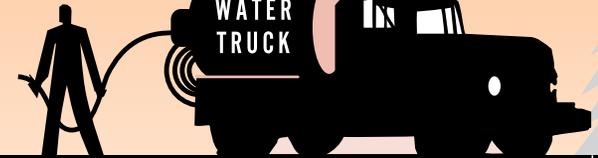
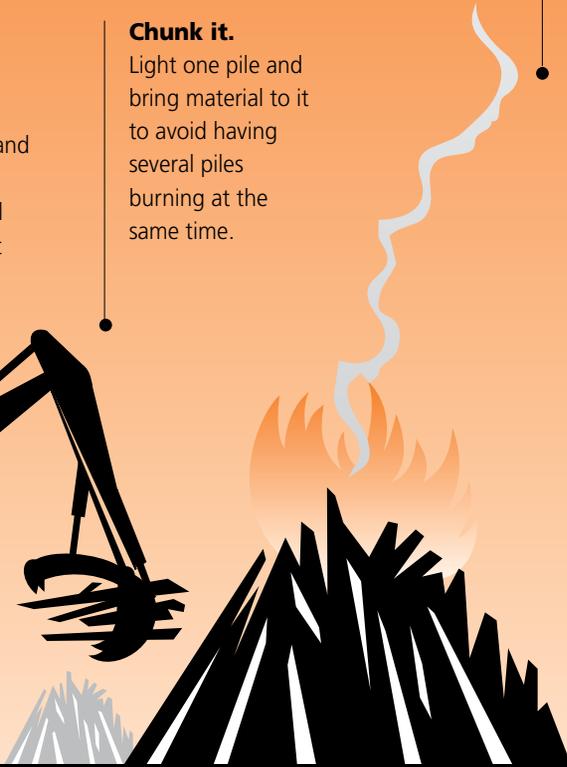
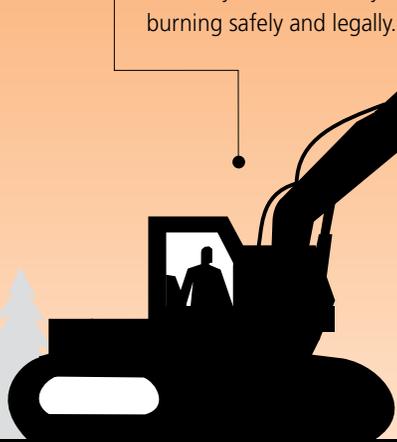
Chunk it.

Light one pile and bring material to it to avoid having several piles burning at the same time.

Clean, no-dirt fire.

Dry fuel burns hot, clean and quick. Avoid burning wet woody debris. A clean fire creates less smoke.

At least one person age 16 or older who is capable of putting the fire out and has a method to contact 9-1-1 must be in attendance at all times.



The fire should be **50 feet** away from any structure, standing timber or power lines.

Clear a firebreak that is free of flammable material. Rule of thumb is **1.5 times** height of the pile.



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WAHKIAKUM

Public Works
(360) 795-3067

- ▶ A Small Burn Permit is required for piles up to 4x4x3 feet. This permit is free and can be obtained at your local fire station or by going to the public works department at the county courthouse.
- ▶ Landowner permission is required.
- ▶ No burning is allowed on state land except in designated campgrounds.
- ▶ For piles in excess of 4x4x3 feet, call (360) 795-3067.

LEWIS

Comm. Dev. Permit Center
(360) 740-1146

- ▶ No permit is required if built with charcoal or firewood, and if less than 3x3x2 feet.
- ▶ Landowner permission is required.
- ▶ No burning is allowed on state land except in designated campgrounds.
- ▶ For piles in excess of 3x3x2 feet, contact Lewis County Community Development at (360) 740-1146 or visit <http://burnpermit.lewiscountywa.gov> to download a free permit.

COWLITZ

SWCAA
1-800-633-0709

- ▶ No permit is required if built with charcoal or firewood, and if less than 3x3x2 feet.
- ▶ Landowner permission is required.
- ▶ No burning is allowed on state land except in designated campgrounds.
- ▶ Recreational fires in excess of 3x3x2 feet require a burn permit from SWCAA. In areas outside of no-burn zones, recreational fires up to 4x4x3 feet do not require a permit.

CLARK

Fire Marshal's Office
(360) 397-2186

- ▶ No permit is required if built with charcoal or firewood, and if less than 3x3x2 feet.
- ▶ Landowner permission is required.
- ▶ No burning is allowed on state land except in designated campgrounds.
- ▶ Recreational fires larger than 3x3x2 are not permitted within no-burn zones.

SKAMANIA

Public Works
(509) 427-3920

- ▶ No permit is required if built with charcoal or firewood, and if less than 4x4x3 feet.
- ▶ For recreational fires in excess of 4x4x3 feet, a small fire permit is required that may be obtained from your local fire station, town hall or by calling Skamania County Public Works at (509) 427-3920.
- ▶ Landowner permission is required.
- ▶ No burning is allowed on state land except in designated campgrounds.

Recreational Burning

▲ COUNTY REQUIREMENTS

▼ GENERAL ADVICE



Recreational fires 3 feet in diameter or smaller do not need a permit. For larger piles see residential burning requirements (page 2).



Always obtain the landowner's permission before lighting any fire.

No burning is allowed on state land except in designated campgrounds.



Burning of any material, except firewood and natural vegetation grown on the property, is prohibited.

Clean, no-dirt fire.

Dry fuel burns hot, clean and quick. Avoid burning wet woody debris. A clean fire creates less smoke.

There should always be at least one person age 16 or older who is capable of putting out the fire.

Completely extinguish the fire.

Drown the fire with water. Make sure all embers, coals, and sticks are wet. Move rocks—there may be burning embers underneath. Keep a charged garden hose or 2 five-gallon buckets of water and a shovel or rake on hand at all times.

Keep the campfire small. A good bed of coals or a small fire surrounded by rocks gives plenty of heat.

Never leave a campfire unattended. Even a small breeze can quickly cause the fire to spread.

Clear a firebreak around your campfire that is free of flammable material. The rule of thumb is **1.5 times** the height of the campfire.

4.5 FEET
OR MORE

3 FEET
FIRE WIDTH

25 FEET

The fire should be **25 feet** away from any structure or standing timber.

Frequently Asked Questions



What Can Be Burned?

No matter what type of fire you're planning, it is legal to burn only natural vegetation or firewood. It is against the law to burn anything else – even paper (except for the amount necessary to start a fire).



YES



NO

When Is Burning Allowed?

Burning is allowed only during daylight hours, unless otherwise permitted. Check with your county for local ordinances. Recreational fires are excluded from this restriction. Burn only when winds are light and do not exceed 7 – 10 MPH. No burning is allowed during a burn ban. Call your local county offices or **1-800-323-BURN** for current burn ban information.

When Is Burning Considered a Nuisance?

Smoke, odor or ash that unreasonably impacts neighboring properties is illegal. Call Southwest Clean Air Agency at **1-800-633-0709** to report all smoke related complaints. In Lewis County call **(360) 740-1133**.



NO

Can Burn Barrels Be Used?

No, the use of burn barrels is prohibited statewide.*



NO

Can Construction and Demolition Debris Be Burned?

It is illegal to burn any material resulting from a construction, renovation or demolition project.



NO



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Natural Resources
Peter Goldmark - Commissioner of Public Lands

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* Washington banned the use of burn barrels in 2000. Burning garbage has been illegal since 1967. WAC 173-425 bans the use of a burn barrel and prohibits the burning of all material, except firewood and natural vegetation grown on the property. This regulation also prohibits burning during periods of impaired air quality and prohibits outdoor burning from becoming a nuisance to surrounding neighbors and businesses.