



WILDFIRE

DNR Burn Ban Factsheet 2018

In an effort to reduce human-caused wildfires during extremely hot and dry summer months, DNR has issued a statewide burn ban. This ban **prohibits most fires on all state, county, city, and private land under DNR fire protection in Washington state.**

Why does DNR have a burn ban?

Human activities are the number-one cause of destructive wildfires. Restricting those activities helps reduce the likelihood a fire will start.

What IS allowed during the burn ban?

- **Campfires are banned in most of Washington. However, if recreational campfires are allowed**, they must be in approved fire pits in designated state, county, municipal or other campgrounds (if local rules are more restrictive, the most restrictive applies).
- Liquid gas or propane camp stoves with an on/off control.
- Propane campfire pits used for campground or backcountry use.
- Solid fuel and citronella candles in metal or glass containers.

What is NOT ALLOWED during the burn ban?

- Recreational fires **NOT** in approved fire pits in designated state, county, municipal or other campgrounds.
- Fireworks of any kind.
- Any incendiary devices, such as exploding targets, sky lanterns, or tracer ammunition.
- Charcoal briquettes.
- Lanterns, stoves, and tiki-style torches that use non-pressurized liquid gas or fuel.
- Solid fuel candles that are not enclosed within a metal or glass container.

It is YOUR responsibility to know the burning rules.

If you plan to burn, [know the rules](#).

- For state laws governing DNR-regulated burning, see [Chapter 76.04 RCW](#).
- For DNR administrative rules, see [Chapter 332-24 WAC](#).

What are the consequences for starting a wildfire during a burn ban?

- A violation of this burn ban is punishable as a crime.
- In addition to criminal prosecution, DNR may pursue civil actions against any person whose negligence is responsible for starting or allowing a fire to spread.
- **If your fire escapes or otherwise causes a wildfire, you will be responsible for paying for people and equipment for fire suppression** as required by Chapter 76.04 RCW.

If you have questions about a particular combustion device not listed above, please contact DNR's fire prevention and control staff at your local [DNR Region Office](#). You also can contact your [local fire district](#) with questions.