

PILAGUAMISH COMMUNITY CLUB

A Washington Non-Profit Corporation

OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL FIRE SAFETY

The safety of our members and our campground is our top priority. To ensure we maintain a safe environment for all to enjoy, you should be familiar with the following information.

CAMPFIRE SAFETY

We all know that one of the great joys of coming to Pilly is spending time with friends and family around the campfire. However, a campfire that is not properly built, maintained, and extinguished can quickly become a hazard to our community and environment. Before sitting under the stars by a crackling fire, here are a few reminders regarding the safe use of a campfire.

Step 1: BUILD

- Prior to building a fire, check for any Pilly fire restrictions.
- Build your fire in a designated ring/pit.
- Keep your fire small. You don't need a large fire to cook or provide warmth.
- Be aware of wind direction and where sparks may land.
- Never use an accelerant such as gasoline, kerosene or aerosol sprays to start a fire.

Step 2: BURN

- Keep water nearby at all times.
- Never leave your fire burning unattended.
- Never put anything but wood into the fire.
- Low fire danger does not mean no fire danger.

Step 3: EXTINGUISH

- If possible, allow your campfire to burn out completely to ashes.
- Fully extinguish the fire and coals by pouring water, stirring with a shovel, and pouring water again.
- Make sure the ashes are cold before leaving.
- Fire pits can retain heat up to 12 hours after being extinguished.
- Remember: Smokey says "If it's too hot to touch, it's too hot to leave."

RECREATIONAL FIRE DEFINITION Per Snohomish County Fire Marshal

A recreational fire by definition is a cooking fire or campfire using charcoal or firewood that occur in designated areas or on private property for cooking, pleasure, or ceremonial purposes. These fires may not be greater than three feet in diameter and/or two feet in height. Fires used for debris disposal purposes are not considered recreational fires.

PILLY FIRE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS & PROCEDURES

The following are the Rules & Regulations per Section 21 of the Pilly handbook. They will be strictly enforced to ensure the safety of our community. All members, family members, and unaccompanied guests must adhere to the following at all times.

- 21.1 No fire will be left unattended at any time.
- 21.2 No bonfires are allowed.

- 21.4 No hazardous materials or waste materials shall be stored on the club property.
- 21.5 No fireworks are allowed on the club property.
- 21.7 Water hoses are required on all sites and must be accessible at the water hook-up at all times in case of fire.
- 21.9 Permanent fire pits, barbecues and other fireplace devices shall be inspected and approved by the ranger or approved designee.
- 21.10 Any new firepit or fireplace device, or changes to an existing firepit or fireplace device, shall be inspected and approved by the ranger or approved designee.
- 21.12 Every member's lot and or/RV is required to have a functioning fire extinguisher

EMERGENCY PROCEDURE

Follow the procedure below for any situation that requires an immediate response from fire services.

1. CALL 911 to report the fire.
2. Immediately after the 911 call, inform the ranger and/or gatekeeper.
3. Emergency calls can be made from the clubhouse, the gatekeeper's residence, and/or the ranger's residence.

BURN BANS

Fire safety burn bans are issued by the Snohomish County Fire Marshal when dry weather conditions heighten the risk of wildfires. Fire safety burn bans are generally called during the summer and can last for several months. Our Pilly ranger will issue burn bans at the park based on information from the fire marshal. When there is a burn ban, signs will be posted at the park entrance gate and at the sign-in booth.

FIRE DANGER RATINGS

Remember it is your responsibility to be informed about the fire danger rating in effect at the park. Always check the Pilly "ranger bear" sign for the current rating.



To check the current fire danger rating for the day, see the Pilly "ranger bear" sign for this info. As always you will find him next to the sign-in booth. Wondering what the ratings mean? Refer to the following chart.

Fire Danger Rating	Definition
LOW	Fires are unlikely to start & the environment will not be conducive to wildfire spread.
MODERATE	Fires are plausible & pose risk. Fires can spread at a moderate pace but control should not be difficult.
HIGH	Fires can start easily from most causes. Fires may become serious & their control difficult unless attacked while small.
VERY HIGH	Fires are likely. Fires can spread at a fast pace with environmental conditions that will make control difficult.
EXTREME	Fires can start & spread rapidly. Environmental conditions are conducive to erratic behavior & make control difficult.

THINK SAFETY AND ACT SAFELY!