

## PROHIBITED MATERIALS

Garbage, petroleum products, paints, plastics, rubber, paper (other than necessary to start the fire), cardboard, treated wood, construction/demolition debris, metal, or any substance (other than natural vegetation) that normally releases toxic emissions, dense smoke, or obnoxious odors when burned.

**The use of burn barrels is prohibited statewide.**

## BURN BANS

**Burn Ban:** Recreational fires no larger than 3 feet in diameter.

**TOTAL Burn Ban:** All outdoor burning prohibited.  
(Charcoal and Propane Only)

Air Pollution Episode: [www.nwcleanair.org](http://www.nwcleanair.org)  
Impaired Air Quality: [www.nwcleanair.org](http://www.nwcleanair.org)



**Make sure your fire is DEAD out!**

## STATE AND LOCAL AUTHORITY

- WAC 173-425 Outdoor Burning
- RCW 70.94 Washington Clean Air Act
- Whatcom County Code Chapter 2.04
- WCFD #11 Resolution # 2011-206

If the fire department is called to respond to, control, or extinguish an illegal or out-of-control fire; they have the authority to charge, and recover from the person responsible for the fire, the costs of its response and control action as per RCW 76.04.

# OUTDOOR BURNING REGULATIONS FOR LUMMI ISLAND

## Whatcom County Fire District 11

### Outdoor Burning Regulations and Information for Lummi Island

**Recreational**



**Residential**



**Land Clearing**



***Only YOU Can Prevent Fires***



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[www.lummiislandfire.com](http://www.lummiislandfire.com)

## TYPES OF FIRES

**Recreational:** Consist only of charcoal or seasoned fire-wood and are used for cooking or pleasure.

**Residential:** Are used for the disposal of natural vegetation produced by property maintenance and consist only of natural vegetation such as leaves, clippings, pruning's and other yard and garden debris. Nothing "man made" may be burned.

## TYPES OF PERMITS

### **General:**

- ▶ Available at The Islander Store located at 2106 South Nugent Road 98262 during business hours. No charge for general permits.
- ▶ Download at [www.lummiislandfire.com](http://www.lummiislandfire.com)

### **Written:**

- ▶ Call 360-758-2411 to schedule a time to obtain a written permit.
- ▶ Cost: \$25.00 for 3 months or \$50.00 for a year.
- ▶ All written permits expire December 31 of the year issued.

## WHEN DO I NEED A PERMIT?

- ▶ Recreational fires larger than 3 feet in diameter.
- ▶ Residential and land clearing fires.

## WHAT TYPE OF PERMIT DO I NEED?

### **Land Clearing:**

- ▶ Written

### **Recreational and Residential:**

- ▶ Permit requirements change with Fire Danger Rating Levels.

## PERMIT NOT REQUIRED

Recreational fires less than 3 feet in diameter with the following changes to the minimum conditions:

- ▶ The fire must be in an enclosure constructed of concrete, stones or steel.
- ▶ A 2 foot firebreak (bare ground or short green grass) must surround the enclosure.
- ▶ A clear area must exist for 15 feet above the fire.

## FIRE DANGER RATING LEVELS

**LOW**

Over 10 feet > Written. Less than 10 feet > General.

**MODERATE**

Over 4 feet > Written. Less than 4 feet > General.

**HIGH**

Written permits postponed. Less than 4 feet > General.

**VERY HIGH**

**Burn Ban:**

Written burning permits postponed.

**EXTREME**

**TOTAL Burn Ban:**

No Outdoor Burning (Charcoal and Propane only)

Fire danger rating levels can be found at:

- ▶ Smokey signs at library, and Scenic Estates
- ▶ [www.lummiislandfire.com](http://www.lummiislandfire.com)
- ▶ Call 360-758-2411

## MINIMUM CONDITIONS:

- ▶ The fire must not produce smoke, odor or ash that unreasonably impacts neighboring properties.
- ▶ Only one pile at a time may be burned (extinguish each pile before lighting another).
- ▶ No burning when winds are greater than 10 MPH.
- ▶ Away from structures: at least 5 times the pile diameter. (3 foot diameter = 15 feet away)
- ▶ Away from shrubs or trees: at least 2 times the pile diameter. (3 foot diameter = 6 feet away)
- ▶ Firebreak (bare ground or short green grass) at least 1 1/2 times the pile diameter around the pile. (3 foot diameter = 4 1/2 feet firebreak)
- ▶ Completely clear area above the fire.
- ▶ Natural vegetation and firewood only. (If it was processed by man, it cannot be burned)
- ▶ No Construction and demolition debris. (This includes untreated lumber.)
- ▶ The fire must be in attendance at all times by one person age 16 or older; capable of extinguishing the fire and able to call 9-1-1.
- ▶ Shovel or rake on site.
- ▶ Charged garden hose or 10 gallons of water and a bucket at the ready.
- ▶ The landowner's permission must be obtained if not on your property.
- ▶ Beach fires must not be in or around driftwood.
- ▶ No burning during an air pollution episode or any stage of impaired air quality as set by Northwest Air Pollution Authority.