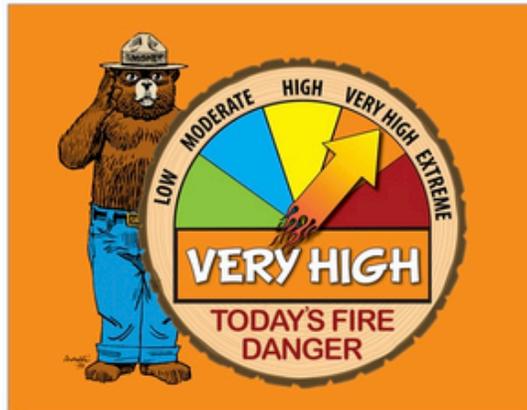


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Community Communication  
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## Today's Fire Danger



🔥 Fire Danger Alert – San Juan County 🔥

The San Juan County Fire Marshal's Office has updated today's fire danger level to **VERY HIGH**.

**EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY VIA SJC FIRE MARSHAL:**

Recreational Campfires: **PROHIBITED**

Charcoal Fires / BBQs: **PROHIBITED**

Propane & Pellet Grills, Propane Outdoor Fireplaces, and Propane Cooking (e.g., Crab Boils): **ALLOWED**

Wood-Fired Hot Tubs & Pizza Ovens: **ALLOWED ONLY** if fully contained fireplace or enclosed pit and equipped with a chimney and spark arrestor screen. Have water available for extinguishment

**Safety Recommendations:**

If mowing or using equipment, mow only in the early morning and avoid the hottest hours of the day (1–6 p.m.). This is a best practice, not a current legal order, but helps prevent accidental ignitions.

Always keep water nearby when using any outdoor cooking or heating appliance.

Be aware that if conditions worsen, Washington State and San Juan County may issue additional restrictions.

**Please take extra precautions to help protect our community during this period of elevated fire danger.**

DEB will continue to provide updates as needed.

For questions, please contact SJC Fire Marshal's office, at 360-378-3473 or email [firemarshal@sanjuanco.com](mailto:firemarshal@sanjuanco.com).



### Recent Fire on Decatur – July 18

As some of you may be aware, a fire occurred on Decatur on Friday, July 18. DEB is assessing the incident and reviewing it for learnings and improvements as part incident review.

The DEB emergency number was not called, and while responders did arrive and the fire was managed, it is critical that this number is called in any fire emergency to ensure all responders are alerted immediately.

This incident is a reminder that unintentional human actions can lead to very real fire threats during this dry season.

We want to thank all the islanders who responded to help manage the situation safely. Well done!

On behalf of the DEB Board,  
Mark Wall  
DEB Secretary

### 🔥 WHO TO CALL FOR FIRE RESPONSE

#### **Step 1: Call 911**

Clearly state you are on **Decatur Island in San Juan County** to reach the correct dispatch.

#### **Step 2: Call DEB directly at 360-218-3081**

This alerts our local volunteer responders.

🔥 **Important: 911 dispatch does not notify DEB** — both calls must be made.

**Be sure to add to your mobile device and post these numbers in your home, shop, and vehicles.**

Emergency cards are available at [www.deb.team](http://www.deb.team), the Mail Shack, and at Decatur Library.

## IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:

### **FIRST: CALL 911**

INSTRUCT DISPATCH THAT YOU ARE ON  
**DECATUR ISLAND, SAN JUAN COUNTY**

note your street address here:

### **SECOND: CALL DEB**

**360-218-3081**

THIS CALL CENTER WILL NOTIFY DEB  
VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST

\*personal information shared with this number is not private or confidential



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