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## **COUNTY WIDE BURN RESTRICTIONS**

Ephrata – The Grant County Commissioners and County Fire Marshal would like to remind Grant County residents that per Ordinance No. 17-082-CC passed September 5, 2017, that outdoor burning will not be allowed starting June 1<sup>st</sup> and ending on September 30<sup>th</sup>. This ordinance implemented an automatic restriction on outdoor burning from June 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup> each year within the unincorporated areas of the County. Please refer to the Fire Marshal website to view the rules imposed by the ordinance.

While the burn ban is in effect there are times when burning is still allowed. Agricultural and orchard burning are allowed when permitted by the Department of Ecology. Recreational campfires are still allowed in approved devices at public campgrounds when allowed by the campground authority. Recreational campfires at residences in private fire pits as long as there is 25 feet of non-combustible space around the fire pit. You will need to have a charged water hose available just in case. Large cooking fires are allowed for events whether public or private and must be permitted through the Grant County Fire Marshal's Office in advance. Gas barbecues and charcoal barbecues are allowed when used in a safe manner.

Remember that the use of burn barrels is always prohibited by law and when burning is allowed only natural vegetation may be burned (no household garbage). When the County burn ban is lifted on September 30th burning restrictions that are normally in place and imposed by the Washington State Department of Ecology will still be in effect in regards to all cities and urban growth areas.

For information regarding this notice, please contact the Commissioner's Office at (509) 754-2011 ext. 2901 or the Fire Marshal's office at ext. 3001 or the Grant County Fire Marshal website: [www.grantcountywa.gov](http://www.grantcountywa.gov).

*End of Notice*

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