

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.

WHATCOM COUNTY BURN BANS

Stage 1 Burn Ban: Recreational fires no larger than 3 feet in diameter are allowed.

Stage 2 Burn Ban: All outdoor burning prohibited. (Charcoal and Propane Only)

Stage 3 Burn Ban: All outdoor burning prohibited. No flame of any kind.



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.



WCFD 11 GENERAL BURNING PERMIT REGULATIONS AND INFORMATION



Whatcom County Fire District 11

General Burning Permit

Outdoor Burning Regulations and Information

WHEN DO I NEED A PERMIT?

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

Recreational



Residential



Land Clearing



Whatcom County Fire District 11
3809 Legoe Bay Rd. / PO Box 130
Lummi Island, WA 98262
Ph. 360-758-2411
www.wcfd11.org

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.

Land Clearing: Only natural vegetation generated from land clearing projects is allowed.

TYPES OF PERMITS

General:

- ▶ **This form serves as a GENERAL BURNING PERMIT.**
- ▶ Additional copies can be found at The Islander Store located at 2106 South Nugent Road during normal business hours or can be downloaded at www.wcfd11.org.
- ▶ There is NO charge for general permits.

Written:

- ▶ Call 360-758-2411 to schedule a time to obtain a written permit.
- ▶ Cost: \$25.00 for 3 months or \$50.00 for the remainder of the calendar year.

WHAT TYPE OF PERMIT DO I NEED?

Recreational and Residential:

- ▶ Permit requirements change with Fire Danger Rating Levels.

Land Clearing:

- ▶ Written

PERMIT NOT REQUIRED WHEN:

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

Stage 1 Burn Ban:

No permitted burning

VERY HIGH

Stage 2 Burn Ban:

No Outdoor Burning (Charcoal and Propane only)

EXTREME

Stage 3 Burn Ban:

No flame of any kind

Fire danger rating levels can be found at:

- ▶ Smokey signs at library, and Scenic Estates
- ▶ www.wcfd11.org
- ▶ 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 be below the most recent high tide line, and may 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.