

# ***Brinnon Fire Department***

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## **Residential Open Burning Instructions**

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### **Conditions for residential outdoor burning**

1. No Burning during County wide burn bans. UFC 1102.3.1
2. No Burning in winds over 5 MPH and on foggy days. UFC 1102.3.1 & WAC 173-425
3. The burn pile must be at least 50 feet from any structure or improved property. UFC 112.4.2
4. The burn pile must be at least 500 feet from any forest slash. UFC 1102.3.1
5. **Only natural vegetation may be burned.** UFC 1102.3.3 & WAC 173-425-050 Section (1)
6. Only 1, 4 X 4 X 3 or smaller pile is allowed at any one time. UFC 1102.3.1
7. Burning is allowed between the hours of 8am and 4pm, **do not** add any fuel after 3pm. UFC 1102.3.1
8. A shovel and a connected garden hose or a 5 gallon pail of water must be on site. UFC 1102.3.1
9. **A responsible person shall remain in attendance with the fire at all times.** UFC 1102.4.4
10. Fires should be worked to keep the fire burning hot to reduce smoke output. UFC 1102.3.1
11. Fires that create excessive smoke and/or flying ash or a nuisance will be extinguished. UFC 1102.3.1
12. Burning is subject to closure at any time for fire or air stagnation conditions. UFC 1102.3.4
13. These rules **DO NOT** override local homeowner association burning regulations. UFC 1102.3.1

Penalties may be assessed for violations of these rules. In addition the fire district may recover costs incurred during the response, control, or extinguishment of an unlawful or out of control fire. Property owner/contractor assumes responsibility for damage to any structure, utility line/pole, tree/shrub, fence, road/right of way or other public edifice by smoke, flying ash, or flame and accepts responsibility for any claimed adverse affects to health of any person or persons in the path of said smoke/flying ash or flame.

## Residential Burning

Residential burning means the outdoor burning of leaves, clippings, prunings and other yard and garden refuse originated on lands immediately adjacent to and in close proximity of a human dwelling and burned on such lands by the property owner or designee. Fires shall be allowed, subject to the best available burning practices, which include but are not limited to the following:

It is the policy of the Brinnon Fire Department to, whenever possible; minimize air contaminant emissions, to prevent injury to human health, plant or animal life, or property, and to prevent unreasonable interference with enjoyment of life and property.

### ONLY NATURAL VEGETATION MAY BE BURNED

## Prohibited Outdoor Fires

It shall be unlawful for any person to cause or allow any outdoor fire;

1. That contains any of the following fuels

- a) Household garbage or trash
- b) Dead animals
- c) Asphalt or asphalt products, to include roofing shingles.
- d) Petroleum products
- e) Paints, plastics, or rubber products.
- f) Treated and manufactured wood products, such as plywood and chip board.
- g) Construction and demolition debris.
- h) Metal
- i) Wire Products coated with plastic, rubber or cloth.
- j) Any substance that emits a noxious odor or a dense smoke when burned.

2. During any stage of an air pollution episode, foggy day, or impaired air quality.

3. For the purpose of demolition, salvage, or reclamation of materials.

4. During extreme fire danger due to dry weather and forest conditions.

5. During periods of high wind from any direction.

6. Materials that have been hauled from another site.

7. No burn barrels. Burn barrels are illegal.

8. If outdoor burning causes emissions that are detrimental to the health, safety, or welfare of any person, causes damage to property or business, or causes a general public nuisance as determined by the Fire Chief or their designee.

## Recreational Fires

A recreational fire means cooking fires, campfires, and bonfires that are no more than 3 feet in diameter using charcoal and/or clean dry firewood for fuel. The fire must be located in an approved lined pit, supervised the entire time that heat is present. Recreational fire activity requires the same basic fire safety considerations and consequences as with any other type of fire.