



Residential Outdoor Burning Requirements

A residential outdoor burning fire must be a small fire, no more than four (4) feet in diameter and three (3) feet in height, consisting of natural vegetation only, (leaves, clippings, prunings, and other yard/garden refuse) resulting from the maintenance of lands immediately adjacent and in close proximity to a human dwelling and burned on the lands on which the material originated. Fire must be located at least fifty (50) feet from any structure (including wood fences). Only one (1) fire may be burning at any one time.

The following requirements pertain to all residential outdoor fires and must be adhered to in order to retain a permit:

1. The permit must be kept at the location of fire.
2. All fires are to have a 30-foot fire break around the fire. Bare ground or short green grass will suffice.
3. Constant supervision shall always be maintained while the fire is burning.
4. Equipment to extinguish the fire must always be on hand when the fire is burning, i.e. shovel, rake, water hose, or fire extinguisher.
5. No fire shall contain rubber products, asphalt products, petroleum products, plastics, milled lumber, garbage or any substance, other than natural vegetation, which normally emits dense smoke or obnoxious odors.
6. Fires are conducted only during daylight hours. Fires need not be extinguished at dusk; however, fires will not be added to and supervision will always be maintained while fire is burning.
7. It shall be the permit holder's responsibility to ensure weather conditions are such that outdoor burning is safe (i.e. adequate humidity, low wind, etc.) and legal (i.e. in compliance with Puget Sound Air Pollution Control Agency bans and regulations).
8. Fires that are causing complaints due to smoke affecting other citizens may be required to be extinguished. Repeated complaints could result in cancellation of the permit.

ABSOLUTELY NO BURN BARRELS WILL BE ALLOWED

THE FIRE MARSHAL MAY PROHIBIT ANY AND ALL FIRES WHEN CONDITIONS OR LOCAL CIRCUMSTANCES MAKE OUTDOOR BURNING HAZARDOUS. The person in whose name a permit is issued shall be liable for any damage caused by the fire started under it. A permit shall be cancelled at any time on complaint of danger, violation of conditions, or nuisance from smoke.

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