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Modified burn ban in effect for unincorporated areas

Due to high fire danger and expected hot and dry weather conditions continuing, a modified outdoor burn ban for the unincorporated areas of Snohomish County is now in effect.

The new restriction bans outdoor burning except for recreational fires. Recreational fires are less than three feet in diameter and two feet high and are for cooking and pleasure only. Recreational fires must be contained within a fire pit that has been cleared of all combustible material within a 10-foot radius, must be monitored at all times and must have a water source readily available (at a minimum a charged water hose or a five-gallon bucket of water).

This burn ban will be in effect until further notice.

Citizens within the boundaries of an incorporated city or town should check with local fire departments for current burn ban information.

All outdoor burn permits, including permits issued by the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency for agricultural burning, are suspended until this ban is lifted. This ban will remain in effect until there is a sustained period of rainfall and the fire risk lessens.

For updated information, call the Outdoor Burning Information Hotline at 425-388-3508, or call the Fire Marshal's Office at 425-388-3557.

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