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County establishes, enforces new burn ban

Due to high fire danger and expected dry weather conditions, Snohomish County has established an outdoor burning ban for unincorporated areas beginning 8 a.m. Thursday, July 17.

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

The Snohomish County Fire Marshal's Office instituted the ban based on input from the Washington State Department of Natural Resources regarding fuel moistures and firefighting resources in cooperation with local fire districts, the Northwest Clean Air Agency and the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency.

This ban does not include recreational fires in approved enclosures. For recreational fires, the enclosure must be constructed of a noncombustible material such as concrete or metal, and water must be immediately available.

Citizens within the boundaries of incorporated cities and towns should check with local fire departments for their current burn ban information.

For more information on this and other county fire issues, contact the Snohomish County Fire Marshal's Office at 425-388-3557.

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