

## **Media Advisory – June 26, 2008**

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### **Land-clearing burning no longer allowed**

As directed by the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA), all land-clearing burning is prohibited in unincorporated Snohomish County as of July 1.

Snohomish County will continue to issue Residential Burn Permits. Burn permits are required and issued by the Snohomish County Fire Marshal's Office as well as participating local fire districts. Residential Burn Permits, which cost \$30, will only be issued for parcels located outside the Urban Growth Areas (UGAs) and established No Burn Zones and that are within fire protection districts of unincorporated Snohomish County.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to have the permit on site at all times. Permission to burn under a permit may be suspended or cancelled without notice by any of the following agencies: Snohomish County Fire Marshal's Office, Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, Washington State Department of Ecology; Washington State Department of Natural Resources, any other federal, state or county agency having jurisdiction.

The applicant is required to call the **Outdoor Burning Information Line** at **425-388-3508** to verify there are no burn bans or burning limitations that may have been ordered due to high fire danger or poor air-quality conditions.

Burning shall be conducted from dawn to dusk only. All fires shall be extinguished at dusk. The fire must not include garbage, dead animals, asphalt, petroleum products, paints, rubber products, plastics, paper (other than what is necessary to start a 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.

Recreational and cooking-preparation fires, as defined by PSCAA, still are allowed under current rules and conditions.

For more information on types of burning allowed and requirements for burning, go to [www.snoco.org](http://www.snoco.org) (keyword "burn info") or call the Fire Marshal's Office at 425-388-3557.

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