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County Fire Marshal issues outdoor burn ban

Due to high fire danger and expected hot and dry weather conditions, the Snohomish County Fire Marshal's Office has issued a modified outdoor burning ban for unincorporated areas of Snohomish County.

This ban prohibits outdoor burning except for recreational fires. Recreational fires are less than 3 feet in diameter and 2 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 5-gallon bucket of water).

This burn ban will be in effect until further notice. Residents living within the boundaries of an incorporated city or town should check with their local fire department for current burning 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 returns to low.

The Snohomish County Fire Marshal's Office has made this decision in cooperation with Skagit, Kitsap, King, Mason and Pierce counties, and the Washington State Department of Natural Resources.

Contact the county's Outdoor Burning Information Hotline at 425-388-3508 for updated information.

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