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Outdoor burning ban in Snohomish County lifted

The current burning ban in effect for unincorporated areas of Snohomish County has been lifted.

This means that individuals who currently have a residential burn permit will be allowed to burn. This decision was made by the Snohomish County Fire Marshal's Office in conjunction with Skagit, Island and Whatcom counties as well as the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Recreational fires are allowed in approved fire pits without a burn permit. However, the fire pit must be constructed of a noncombustible material such as concrete or metal, and need to be a minimum of 15 feet from structures. A recreational fire by definition is a cooking fire or campfire using charcoal or firewood. These fires may not be greater than three feet in diameter and/or two feet in height. Water must also be immediately available.

Residents who reside within an incorporated city or town, or within an urban growth area, in Snohomish County, should contact local fire departments for burn restriction information.

Caution is still urged this time of year with any outdoor burning. For updated burning information, call the Outdoor Burning Information Hotline at 425-388-3508.

For more information on the Snohomish County Fire Marshal's Office, call Terri Bart at 425-388-3557.

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