



Burn Ban and Permit Information

What am I allowed to burn, and when can I burn at my address?

First, determine whether your address is in an urban or rural growth area.

Go to the King County GIS website; follow these instructions:

- Click here http://www5.kingcounty.gov/kcgisreports/dd_report.aspx
- Type in your address.
- Look under the King County planning and critical areas designations section. This will tell you if your home is in an urban or rural growth area.

Review the guidelines below for what you can burn, based on your address location.

- *Recreational* fires are allowed in all areas of Eastside Fire & Rescue (urban and rural growth areas).
- *Residential* fires are only allowed outside the urban growth boundary. (If you live within a city, you are within an urban growth boundary and cannot have a residential fire.) These boundaries extend beyond city limits in many cases.

Recreational Fires:

Recreational fires are defined in state law as cooking fires and charcoal barbecues, campfires and bonfires that occur in designated areas or on private property for cooking, pleasure or ceremonial purposes. Fires lit in chimeneas, fire pits, fire bowls and similar free-standing devices, fall under this definition.

Conditions of Recreational burning:

- Fires must not exceed three feet in diameter or two feet in height.
- Only charcoal, dried firewood or manufactured fire logs may be used. It is illegal to burn anything else.
- Recreational fires must be a minimum of 25 feet from a structure.
- A person, capable of extinguishing the fire, must attend it at all times. The fire must be extinguished before leaving it.
- Recreational fires are prohibited during air-quality burn bans and fire-safety burn bans. Check the link below for intermittent air quality related burn bans imposed by [Puget Sound Clean Air](#).
- *It is always illegal to smoke out your neighbor.* If smoke from your fire bothers your neighbors, damages their property or otherwise causes a nuisance, you must immediately put it out.
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For more information, see the [Washington Administrative Code Section 173-425-050\(6\)](#).

Residential Fires:

Residential fires are small outdoor fires consisting of leaves, clippings, pruning, and other yard and gardening refuse.

Conditions of Residential burning:

- Material being burned must originate on that property.
- Pile of burning material shall not be larger than 4 x 4 by 3 feet in height. Only one pile may be burned at a time.
- Burn permit shall be on-site while burning. Burning shall be permitted from 10:00 a.m. until sunset.
- Must be a minimum of 50 feet from a structure, fence, trees, or any combustible material.
- Only natural vegetation shall be burned. The fire shall not contain any rubber products, asphalt products, petroleum products, plastics, garbage, dead animals or any other waste material.
- A person capable of extinguishing the fire must attend it at all times. The fire must be extinguished before leaving it.
- Residential fires are prohibited during air-quality burn bans or fire-safety burn bans. Check the link below for intermittent air quality related burn bans imposed by [Puget Sound Clean Air](#).
- *It is always illegal to smoke out your neighbor.* If smoke from your fire bothers your neighbors, damages their property or otherwise causes a nuisance, you must immediately put it out.

Land Clearing Fires are not permitted in King County.

A SEASONAL MORATORIUM ON RESIDENTIAL BURNING SHALL BE IMPOSED ANNUALLY JUNE 15 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, WHICH MAY BE EXTENDED.

**BURNING SHALL CEASE DURING ANY PERIOD OF IMPAIRED AIR QUALITY.
CONTACT [PUGET SOUND CLEAN AIR AGENCY](#) (800) 595-4341 FOR INFORMATION.**

BURN PERMIT
Residential or Recreational

Print Name of Applicant / Responsible Party: _____

Address of Burn Site: **(Address must be clearly marked at entrance to property)** _____

Date of Permit: _____

CAREFULLY READ ALL PAGES OF THIS INFORMATION BEFORE SIGNING

The applicant agrees to comply with all terms, conditions and permit regulations of Eastside Fire & Rescue and Puget Sound Clean Air Agency.

This permit is issued on the following terms, conditions and proposed purposes stated therein:

1. **RESIDENTIAL burning** shall be permitted from 10:00 a.m. until sunset.
2. Personnel and equipment capable of extinguishing the fire shall be on the site at all times while burning.
3. Smoke emitted from burning shall not cause impact to another person (s) or property. This permit may be revoked at any time based on any type of complaint (s) received without on-site verification by Eastside Fire & Rescue.
4. **Residential burning** means an outdoor fire no larger than 4 feet in diameter by 3 feet in height, consisting of leaves, clippings, pruning, and other yard and garden refuse. The material being burned must originate on that property. The fire shall not contain any rubber, asphalt, petroleum products, plastics, garbage, dead animals or other waste material.
5. **Cooking/Recreational burning** means an outdoor fire no larger than 3 feet in diameter by 2 feet in height consisting of charcoal or dry seasoned firewood, (not debris), used for cooking or campfires.
6. Conditions:
 - **ONLY NATURAL VEGETATION SHALL BE BURNED.**
 - Only one pile shall be burned at any one time.
 - Burn permit shall be at the site while burning.
 - There shall be no **residential burning** within 50 feet (100 feet in diameter) of any fences, trees, structures or other combustible materials and no **cooking/recreational burning** within 25 feet of structures, fences or trees.

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(Signature by Eastside Fire & Rescue is not required. Please sign this form and keep on your property site.)

Property Owner Signature: _____ Date: _____

By signing this document, you acknowledge that you have read and fully understand the guidelines of this permit.

THIS BURN PERMIT IS VALID FOR THE CURRENT YEAR ONLY