



PRESS RELEASE

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Skagit County burn restrictions modified

SKAGIT COUNTY – Due to the decrease in fuel moisture levels and available fire resources, the Fire Marshal's Office will modify the burn restrictions in unincorporated areas of Skagit County to allow **recreational burning only**. This change will be effective as of **Thursday, July 15, 2010 at 8:00 am**.

Recreational fires are those used for cooking and pleasure and consist only of charcoal or firewood. As of July 15, all recreational fires must meet the following criteria:

- Fires must be in an enclosure that is a minimum of 16 inches high, no larger than three feet across, and made of cement block, stones, or #10 gauge steel.
- Burned materials must be kept lower than the sidewalls of the enclosure.
- A charged garden hose, or two, five-gallon buckets of water must be on site.
- Fires must be 25 feet from any standing timber and there must be no tree branches within 15 feet above the enclosure.
- There must be at least one person 16 years of age or older who is capable of putting the fire out in attendance at all times.

As of Thursday, July 15 at 8:00 am, debris-burning fires are **not** allowed until further notice. If residing within the city limits of any of the incorporated cities or towns, contact your city fire department for current burning restrictions.

The permanent open burning ban remains in effect in the cities of Anacortes, Burlington, Concrete, Hamilton, La Conner, Lyman, Mount Vernon, Sedro Woolley, and their urban growth areas. For more information on the burn ban in these cities, contact the Northwest Clean Air Agency at (800) 622-4627 or visit www.nwcleanair.org

If your property falls under the jurisdiction of the Department of Natural Resources, please call (360) 856-3500 for burn permit information.

For more information or questions regarding open burning in Skagit County, please contact the Skagit County Fire Warden at (360) 428-3293. For a complete list of all Recreational Burning conditions, visit www.skagitcounty.net