

# PUBLIC NOTICE

## Permanent ban on land-clearing burning in Kitsap County

**Effective Sept. 1, 2009,  
land-clearing burning will no longer  
be allowed in Kitsap County.**

As authorized by State law [RCW 70.94.745 (6)], Puget Sound Clean Air Agency has permanently banned outdoor burning of trees, stumps, shrubbery, or other natural vegetation from land-clearing projects (i.e., projects that clear the land surface so it can be developed, used for a different purpose, or left unused).

This restriction is in addition to the existing ban on outdoor burning in urban growth areas and no-burn zones.

### **What is not affected by this ban?**

- Silvicultural fires (forestry)
- Agricultural burning (commercial farms)
- Recreational fires (campfires)
- Residential burning in rural areas (yard-waste fires)\*
- Fire department training fires
- Emergency burning of flood and storm debris

\*Check with your local fire district to find out about permit and other local requirements.

### **What alternatives are available?**

- On-site chipping and removal
- Off-site wood waste recycling
- Kitsap County Solid Waste:  
[www.kitsapgov.com/sw/recycle.asp](http://www.kitsapgov.com/sw/recycle.asp)

**Ignoring the ban may result in significant fines.**

### **Wood smoke is a health hazard.**

It can cause respiratory and cardiovascular problems, including premature death.

### **For more information:**

Learn more about the ban, alternatives to burning and how to report illegal burns at [www.pscleanair.org/LandClearing](http://www.pscleanair.org/LandClearing).

If you have questions or concerns, contact:

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