

# Outdoor Burning FAQs

Open Burning, Recreational Fires and Portable Outdoor Fireplaces

## **How do I know if I am in a “No Burn Zone?”**

To find out if you are in a no burn zone, contact your local fire district or visit their website:

[Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue](#)

[North Kitsap Fire & Rescue](#)

[South Kitsap Fire & Rescue](#)

[Fire District 18 - Poulsbo](#)

[Bainbridge Island Fire District](#)

[Bremerton Fire Department](#)

## **What kind fires are allowed in No Burn Zones?**

Only recreational fires are allowed in no burn zones. See below for recreational fire types and regulations.

## **When is a permit required?**

A permit is required to be obtained from the local fire district for all outdoor burning other than recreational.

## **When should I call 911?**

Unattended burning • Unsafe outdoor burning • Uncontrolled fires

## **Who should I call with other complaints and concerns?**

Call Puget Sound Clean Air 1 (800) 552-3565 for:

Indoor burning complaints • Burning in the “No Burn Zone” • Smoke complaints • Burning of garbage • Air quality burn ban questions • Questions regarding the State’s Clean Air Laws

# Other Things to Know

## **Attendance**

Open burning, bonfires, recreational fires and use of portable outdoor fireplaces shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating or other approved on-site fire-extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose or water truck, shall be available for immediate utilization.

## **Recreational Fires**

Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material unless the fire is contained in a barbecue pit. Conditions that could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

Recreational fires must be in a designated fire pit using only charcoal or dry firewood (no milled lumber).

Types of recreational fires include:

Cooking • Camp and bonfires 3 feet or less in size for cooking • Pleasure • Ceremonial purposes

## **Location for Bonfires**

A bonfire shall not be conducted within 50 feet of a structure or combustible material unless the fire is contained in a barbecue pit. Conditions that could cause a fire to spread within 50 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

## **Location for Portable Outdoor Fireplaces**

Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 15 feet of a structure or combustible material unless the fire is contained in a barbecue pit. Conditions that could cause a fire to spread within 15 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

## **Location for Open Burning**

The location for open burning shall not be less than 50 feet from any structure, and provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading to within 50 feet of any structure.

- ❖ Fires in approved containers may be located not less than 15 feet from a structure.
- ❖ The minimum required distance from a structure shall be 25 feet where the pile size is 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height.