

## Burning Any Fires

Before lighting **ANY** fire and on the day you plan to light a fire call 1-800-323-BURN for instructions specific to that day and location.

- Start your fire only after receiving landowner permission if you are on someone else's property;
- Help prevent false alarms—notify the local fire protection agency about your outdoor fire;
- Keep your fire 50 feet from any structures and 500 feet from any forest slash;
- **Do not burn** rubber, plastics, asphalt, garbage, dead animals, petroleum products, paints or any materials that emit dense smoke or create offensive odors;
- **Do not burn** when local or state air pollution control authorities announce an "impaired air" or "air pollution episode";
- Do not allow the smoke or ash to create a nuisance to people residing within the vicinity;
- Before leaving the burn site make certain the fire is completely extinguished;
- Report uncontrolled wildfire:  
**1-800-562-6010**

Always have a shovel and a connected water hose nearby.

## Burning Without A Written Permit

If a planned burn meets the following requirements and those listed at left, a written permit is not required.

- Someone must be in attendance at all times while burning;
- Burn no more than one pile at any time;
- Burn only in calm or light winds. Don't burn when the wind is swaying trees, extending flags or causing rough waves on the water;
- Clear the area around the burn pile of any material that could catch fire;
- Keep a shovel and a connected water hose or at least five gallons of water nearby.

### July 1 through October 15

- The burn is less than four feet across or less than 10 feet across in Clallam or Jefferson counties.

### October 16 through June 30

- The burn is less than 10 feet across or less than four feet across in Island, King, Kitsap, Mason, Pierce, San Juan or Spokane counties.

## Recreation Fires

Recreation fires require no written permit if they are:

- In a campfire pit approved by the DNR; or
- In a camp stove or barbecue;
- Smaller than four feet across; and
- Placed on bare soil, gravel bars, beaches, green fields or other non-flammable areas.



4 feet

Campfire pits should be no larger than 4 feet across.



## When is a Written Permit Required?

A permit is required for:

- Any burning that cannot meet all the previous standards listed in this pamphlet;
- High fire danger periods when the DNR has declared that outdoor burning requires a written permit.

## Burn Bans

Outdoor burning may be completely suspended by the DNR at any time. Such tight restrictions may be announced due to high fire danger resulting from weather conditions, specific wildfire conditions, lack of available firefighting personnel or to protect air quality.

## Permit Fees for Burning Debris on DNR-Protected Land

As a result of the Washington Clean Air Act of 1991, the Department of Natural Resources must recover the cost of its burning permit program by charging fees for approved permits. Fees are required for written burning permits. The fee is based on a sliding scale depending on how much debris is to be burned.

**Air pollution alerts and local burning conditions affect burning restrictions.**  
**Call 1-800-323-BURN before you burn.**



Keep your fire 50 feet from any structure.



## FOR MORE INFORMATION

For approval to burn:  
**1-800-323-BURN**

For general information:  
**1-800-527-3305**

To report wildfires:  
**1-800-562-6010**

Questions about burning on DNR-protected lands can be directed to the department's region offices.

### DNR Region Offices

For assistance with DNR programs in your community contact your closest DNR region office:

#### ■ Central Region

1405 Rush Rd  
Chehalis WA 98532-8763  
(360) 748-2383

#### ■ Northeast Region

225 S Silke Rd  
PO Box 190  
Colville WA 99114-0190  
(509) 684-7474

#### ■ Northwest Region

919 N Township St  
Sedro-Woolley  
WA 98284-9395  
(360) 856-3500

#### ■ Olympic Region

411 Tillicum Lane  
Forks WA 98331-9797  
(360) 374-6131

#### ■ South Puget Sound

950 Farman St N  
PO Box 68  
Enumclaw WA 98022-0068  
(360) 825-1631

#### ■ Southeast Region

713 E Bowers Rd  
Ellensburg WA 98926-9341  
(509) 925-8510

#### ■ Southwest Region

601 Bond Rd  
PO Box 280  
Castle Rock  
WA 98611-0280  
(360) 577-2025

#### ■ Olympia Headquarters

Resource Protection Division,  
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## OUTDOOR BURNING on DNR-Protected Lands

*Rules and Fire  
Permit Information*



## DNR-Protected Lands

In Washington state, more than 12 million acres of private and state lands are protected from wildfires by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). These lands adjoin millions of acres protected by the US Forest Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, and more than 600 fire protection districts and departments throughout the state.

Debris burning, the leading cause of wildfires on state-protected lands, accounts for about one-third of all wildfires fought since 1986 by the DNR.

This brochure explains the general rules, guidelines and permit process to help people burn safely and legally on state-protected lands. Whether you wish to light a campfire while hiking and exploring Washington's great outdoors, or you are planning to burn forest debris as part of an industrial logging operation, specific rules apply and permits may be required.

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## For More Information

Other state and some county government agencies have additional information about outdoor burning issues on non-DNR protected lands. These include:

- Local fire districts responsible for fire protection in your locale or region;
- Local air pollution control authorities;
- The state Department of Ecology air quality program and recycling and litter control program.

