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Outdoor Burning Ban Takes Effect July 1

Snohomish County Fire Marshal announces Stage 1 burning ban, effective July 1st, 2024

EVERETT, Wash., June 25, 2024 – The Snohomish County Fire Marshal is announcing a Stage 1 outdoor burning ban for the unincorporated areas of Snohomish County effective **July 1 through August 31, 2024**. The Stage 1 burn ban suspends all residential burning, even if a permit has been issued.

This restriction bans outdoor residential burning except for recreational and cooking fires. Recreational fires:

- Are less than three feet in diameter and two feet high.
- Are used for cooking or pleasure within an approved fire pit.
- Contain burning material kept below the top of the fire pit enclosure.
- Shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible materials. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.
- Shall be monitored at all times.
- Must have a water source readily available. At a minimum, this means a charged water hose or a five-gallon bucket of water.

Portable outdoor fireplaces shall be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and shall not be operated within 15 feet of a structure or combustible material.

All outdoor burn permits are suspended for the duration of this burn ban.

The ban will remain in effect through the month of August and may be extended in the event of continuing high fire danger conditions. If the burn ban is extended, a new release will be issued.

In the event of a "Red Flag Warning" all outdoor burning is prohibited, including recreational fires, until further notice. A Red Flag Warning is a forecast warning issued by the National Weather Service in the United States to inform the public, firefighters, and land management agencies that conditions are ideal for wildland fire combustion and rapid spread. To the public, a Red Flag Warning means high fire danger with increased probability of a quickly spreading vegetation fire in the area within 24 hours.

With anticipated dry weather conditions, we urge the public to use great caution before lighting any recreational fires since wildfires are a significant risk across the region. If you have any doubts about safety, please don't burn. Contact our Outdoor Burning Information Hotline at 425-388-3508 for updated information.

About Snohomish County Planning and Development Services

The Snohomish County Department of Planning and Development Services provides development and permit application review, building inspections, long range planning, code enforcement and houses the county Fire Marshal's office. The department's main office is located at 3000 Rockefeller Ave., Everett, WA 98201. For more information about Snohomish County Planning and Development Services, visit <https://snohomishcountywa.gov/201>.

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