



DNR Burn Ban Factsheet

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In an effort to reduce human-caused wildfires during extremely hot and dry summer months, DNR has issued a statewide burn ban. This ban **prohibits outdoor fires on all state, county, city, and private land under DNR fire protection in Washington state.**

Why does DNR have a burn ban?

Human activities are the number-one cause of destructive wildfires. Restricting those activities helps reduce the likelihood a fire will start.

What IS allowed during the burn ban?

Western Washington	Eastern Washington
Campfires in approved fire pits within designated campgrounds. Charcoal briquettes. Lanterns, stoves, solid fuel candles and tiki-style torches.	Liquid gas or propane camp stoves with an on/off control. Propane campfire pits used for campground or backcountry use. Solid fuel and citronella candles in metal or glass containers.

What is NOT ALLOWED during the burn ban?

Western Washington	Eastern Washington	Never allowed
Any recreational fire outside a designated campground and any other burning such as debris burning.	Recreational fires and any other burning such as debris burning. Charcoal briquettes. Lanterns, stoves, and tiki-style torches that use non-pressurized liquid gas or fuel. Solid fuel candles that are not enclosed within a metal or glass container.	Fireworks of any kind. Incendiary devices, such as exploding targets, sky lanterns, or tracer ammunition.

It is **YOUR** responsibility to [know the burning rules](#).

- For state laws governing DNR-regulated burning, see [Chapter 76.04 RCW](#).
- For DNR administrative rules, see [Chapter 332-24 WAC](#).

What are the consequences for starting a wildfire during a burn ban?

- A violation of this burn ban is punishable as a crime.
- In addition to criminal prosecution, DNR may pursue civil actions against any person whose negligence is responsible for starting or allowing a fire to spread.

- **If your fire escapes or otherwise causes a wildfire, you will be responsible for paying for people and equipment for fire suppression** as required by Chapter 76.04 RCW.

If you have questions about a particular combustion device not listed above, please contact DNR's fire prevention and control staff at your local [DNR Region Office](#). You also can contact your [local fire district](#) with questions.