



Rules for Burning Without a Permit

When there is no burn ban, you may burn following these conditions.

On forest lands regulated by DNR, recreational and debris burning is permitted without a written permit if the following conditions are met:

- Recreational fires are:
 - Contained within a campfire pit located in a state, county, municipal, or other campground approved by the department; OR
 - Contained within a camp stove or barbecue; OR
 - A pile no larger than four feet in diameter that is being used exclusively for recreational purposes that is situated on bare soil, gravel bars, beaches, green field, or other similar areas free of flammable material for a sufficient distance adequate to prevent the escape of fires
- Debris burns:
 - Only one pile may be burned at any one time and each pile must be extinguished before lighting another.
 - From July 1 to October 15 individual pile size in all counties shall be limited to no larger than 4 feet, except pile size in Clallam and Jefferson counties is limited to ten feet.
 - From October 16 through June 30 individual pile size in all counties is limited to ten feet; except pile size is limited to four feet in Island, King, Kitsap, Mason, Pierce, San Juan and Spokane counties.
- Burn only natural vegetation. Material growing in and/or gathered from improved property, such as yard and garden debris, cannot be burned under DNR regulations.
- Burn piles are at least 50 feet from structures and 500 feet from any forest slash.
- The area around the burn pile is clear of any flammable debris.
- The winds are calm or light. It is too windy to burn if trees are swaying, flags are extended, or waves appear on open water.
- Maintain a connected water hose or at least five gallons of water and a shovel nearby.
- Attend the fire until it is completely extinguished.
- Be prepared to extinguish the fire if it becomes a nuisance.
- Call the DNR burn line (800-323-BURN) or visit <https://fortress.wa.gov/dnr/protection/firedanger/> each day of ignition prior to lighting any fire. The instructions provided for the county you are burning in, including fire danger and air quality burn bans, become a condition of burning. Failure to comply with these instructions is a violation subject to citation.

If any of these conditions cannot be met, a written burning permit is required. These conditions apply only to burning in areas regulated by DNR.