

Seasonal Burn Ban Extended

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September 28, 2022

Due to the current conditions of a prolonged summer dry season and lack of appreciable rain in the forecast, the burn ban scheduled to end September 30th has been extended until further notice. This decision is made in cooperation with Washington State Department of Natural Resources and Clark, Skamania, Pacific, Lewis and Wahkiakum counties. All land clearing, residential and silvicultural burning is prohibited within the unincorporated areas of Cowlitz County until the ban is lifted.

Recreational campfires are allowed if built in improved fire pits in designated campgrounds, such as those typically found in local, county, and state parks and in commercial campgrounds. On private land, recreational fires are permitted with the landowner's permission if built in the following approved manner:

- In a metal, stone or masonry lined fire pit such as those seen in approved campgrounds.
- Size may not exceed 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet in height.
- Fires must be at least 25 feet from a structure or other combustible material and overhead fuels such as tree limbs, patio covers or carports.
- Portable outdoor or patio fireplaces should not be used within 15 feet of a structure or combustible material. Follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Fires must be attended at all times by a responsible person at least 16-years old with the ability and tools to extinguish the fire, such as a shovel and either five gallons of water or a connected and charged water hose.

Please remember - remain in attendance of fire for duration of recreational burning and completely extinguish upon conclusion.

For more information, please contact the Cowlitz County Fire Marshal's Office at (360) 577-3052 or visit the County's website at www.co.cowlitz.wa.us.

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July 14, 2022

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To have predictable and consistent burn bans, Cowlitz, Clark, and Skamania counties jointly implement a policy to ban outdoor burning from July 15 through Sept. 30 each year.

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