



# **WAHKIAKUM COUNTY**

## ***Building and Planning Department***

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### **NEWS RELEASE**

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County Officials are Implementing Burn Ban in Wahkiakum County

Effective 12:01 A.M., Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020, officials from Wahkiakum County is enacting a ban on all outdoor burning. As of July 15, 2020, all land clearing, residential and silvicultural burning is banned until further notice. This burn ban does not apply to federally managed land within Wahkiakum County.

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

- **In a metal, stone or masonry lined fire pit such as those seen in approved campgrounds.**
- **They may not exceed three feet in diameter,**
- **They must have an area at least ten feet around them cleared of all flammable material and at least 20 feet of clearance from overhead fuels.**
- **Campfires must be attended at all times by a responsible person at least 16 years old with the ability and tools to extinguish the fire; a shovel and either five gallons of water or a connected and charged water hose.**

**Completely extinguish campfires by pouring water or moist soil in them and stirring with a shovel until all parts are cool to the touch. The use of self-contained camp stoves is encouraged as an alternative.**

### **For more information on local fire restrictions**

**Department of Natural Resources:** Pacific Cascade Regional Office (360) 577-2025

**Wahkiakum County Building & Planning:** (360) 795-3067

*For daily updates on burn restrictions, call 1-800-323-BURN or visit DNR's website at: [www2.wadnr.gov/burn-risk](http://www2.wadnr.gov/burn-risk) then click on fire information in the far right corner. You can also check with Southwest Clean Air Agency at [www.swcleanair.org](http://www.swcleanair.org).*

# OUTDOOR BURNING BAN

**EFFECTIVE  
12:01 A.M. Wednesday, July 15, 2020  
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

All outdoor burning will be banned in Wahkiakum County, except, recreational fires are allowed if built in approved fire pits in designated campgrounds, such as those typically found in local, county, and state parks and in commercial campgrounds. On private land, campfires are permitted with the landowner's permission if built in an approved manner:

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All burning permits issued by the County prior to the burn ban are hereby rescinded until such time that the burn ban is lifted.

**For more information please contact:**

Washington State Department of Natural Resources at 601 Bond Road, Castle Rock, Washington 98611

Wahkiakum County Building and Planning Department, 64 Main Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor County Courthouse, Cathlamet WA 98612