

***PUBLIC INFORMATION BULLETIN***  
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*Modified OUTDOOR BURNING BAN TO ALLOW RECREATIONAL FIRES*

Due to reduced fire danger, the Stage 2 burn ban will be modified to a Stage 1 burn ban, effective **September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.** The Stage 1 ban will allow recreational fires in approved fire pits.

**Recreational fires** are less than three feet in diameter and two feet high and are for cooking and pleasure purposes only. Recreational fires 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. Recreational fires shall be monitored at all times and must have a water source readily available; at a minimum, a charged water hose or a five-gallon bucket of water.

This burn ban will be in effect until further notice. Outdoor burning is prohibited at all times in the cities of **Arlington, Brier, Darrington, Edmonds, Everett, Granite Falls, Gold Bar, Index, Marysville, Mill Creek, Mountlake Terrace, Monroe, Mukilteo, Snohomish, Stanwood and Sultan.** During the time of this burn ban, outdoor burning is prohibited throughout unincorporated properties of Snohomish County as well as within the city limits of these Snohomish County cities. Citizens living within an incorporated city or town not listed above are advised to check with your local fire department for current burning ban information.

In the event of a "Red Flag Warning," all outdoor burning shall be prohibited immediately, including recreational fires, without 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.

All outdoor burn permits are suspended until this ban is lifted. Please contact our Outdoor Burning Information Hotline at 425-388-3508 for updated information.

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