Outdoor Burning Ban Announced in Snohomish County

Everett, Snohomish County—Due to high fire danger and expected hot and dry weather conditions, the Snohomish County Fire Marshal announced an outdoor burning ban for the unincorporated areas of Snohomish County that goes into effect Saturday, July 23, at 8:00 a.m.

This restriction bans outdoor burning, except for recreational fires. Recreational fires are less than three feet in diameter and two feet high and are for cooking and pleasure utilizing charcoal briquets or seasoned firewood 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.

For the duration of this burn ban all outdoor burn permits are suspended and this ban will remain in effect until there has been a sustained period of rainfall and the fire risk returns to low.

Outdoor burning is prohibited at all times in the cities of Arlington, Brier, Darrington, Edmonds, Everett, Granite Falls, Gold Bar, Index, Lake Stevens, Lynnwood, Marysville, Mill Creek, Monroe, Mountlake Terrace, 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.

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.

With the continuing dry weather conditions, we urge the public to use great caution before lighting any recreational fires since wildfires are a significant risk across the region. If you have any doubts about safety, please don’t burn. Contact our Outdoor Burning Information Hotline at 425-388-3508 for updated information.

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