

Residential Burning Regulations

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“Residential burning” is defined as the outdoor open burning of natural vegetation to include leaves, clippings, tree trimmings, pruning and other yard and garden refuse originated from the property when tended to by the property owner or their designee. The fire must not include materials hauled from another property, unless an exception is specifically granted in writing by an authorized District representative.

Fires shall be allowed, subject to the best available burning practices, which include but are not limited to the following:

1. Within the boundaries of CCFD3 and outside the Sequim city limits and both of the Sequim and Carlsborg Urban Growth Areas.
2. Summer burn regulations, in effect from May 1 through June 30, limit a residential burn pile to no larger than 4' x 4' x 3'.
3. Winter burn regulations, in effect from October 1 through April 30, allow a residential burn pile up to 10' x 10' x 5'.
4. Burning is not allowed if wind, blowing from any direction, is more than five (5) miles per hour.
5. The burn pile must be located a minimum of fifty (50) feet from any structure.
6. The burn pile must not be within fifty (50) feet of standing timber and must be a minimum of five hundred (500) feet from any forest harvesting slash.
7. No residential burning shall be commenced before sunrise and no material shall be added to any residential fire after sunset.
8. A responsible person shall remain with the fire until the fire is extinguished.
9. No fires shall be ignited during burn bans.
10. Only one (1) residential fire is allowed to be burned at any one time.
11. A shovel and connected water hose shall be on site and immediately available.
12. The Fire District may require that a fire creating a nuisance from smoke or from flying ash be extinguished.
13. If an outdoor container is used, it must be constructed of concrete or masonry with a completely enclosed combustion chamber and a permanently attached spark arrester constructed of iron, heavy wire mesh or other noncombustible material with openings not larger than one half inch.
14. Metal burn barrels are not permitted.

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Penalties: Penalties may be assessed for violations. In addition, the Fire District may recover costs incurred during response, control, or extinguishments of an unlawful or out-of-control fire. The property owner assumes responsibility for damage to any structure, utility line/pole, tree/shrub, fence, and road/right of way or other public/private edifice by smoke, flying ash or flame, and is responsible for any claimed adverse effects to the health of any person or persons in the path of said smoke/flying ash.

Prohibited Outdoor Fires

It is unlawful for any person to cause or allow any outdoor fire:

1. That contains any of the following materials:
 - a. Household garbage or trash (including paper and cardboard)
 - b. Dead animals
 - c. Asphalt
 - d. Petroleum products
 - e. Paints
 - f. Rubber products
 - g. Plastics
 - h. Treated wood
 - i. Construction/demolition debris
 - j. Metal
 - k. Any other substance, which normally emits dense smoke or noxious odors when burned.
2. During any stage of an air pollution episode or during any period of impaired air quality.
3. For the purpose of demolition, salvage, or reclamation of materials.
4. During extreme fire danger due to dry weather conditions.
5. In burn barrels.
6. That includes material hauled from another property.
7. If any emission from the fire is detrimental to the health, safety, or welfare of any person, causes damage to property or business, or causes a nuisance. The fire must be extinguished immediately.
8. The burn pile is located within fifty (50) feet from any structure.

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Recreational Fires

“Recreational fire” are defined as outdoor fires used as a cooking fires, campfires, and bonfires 3 feet or less in diameter using charcoal or seasoned firewood that are in designated areas or on private property for cooking, pleasure, or ceremonial purposes. Recreational fires:

1. Shall not be any larger than three (3) feet in diameter or two (2) feet in height.
2. Must be located a minimum of fifty (50) feet from any structure.

Portable fireplaces/pits, usually metal, must be located a minimum of fifteen (15) feet from any structure or combustible material.

Fires used for debris disposal are not considered recreational fires.

Recreational fires shall have a shovel, connected water hose or five (5) gallons of water in a bucket on site, and a responsible person shall be in attendance at the fire until it is extinguished.

Land Clearing

Land Clearing, the removal of stumps and slash is not considered Residential Burning and may require a permit from the Olympic Regional Clean Air Agency. Please contact ORCAA at 360.942.2137 or ORCAA.org.