

PROHIBITED MATERIALS

Garbage, petroleum products, paints, plastics, rubber, paper (other than necessary to start the fire), cardboard, treated wood, construction/demolition debris, metal, or any substance (other than natural vegetation) that normally releases toxic emissions, dense smoke, or obnoxious orders when burned.

The use of burn barrels is prohibited statewide.

BURN BANS

Burn Ban: Recreational fires no larger than 2 feet in diameter.

TOTAL Burn Ban: All outdoor burning prohibited.
(Charcoal and Propane Only)

Air Pollution Episode: www.nwcleanair.org
Impaired Air Quality: www.nwcleanair.org



Make sure your fire is DEAD out!

STATE AND LOCAL AUTHORITY

- WAC 173-425 Outdoor Burning
- RCW 70.94 Washington Clean Air Act
- Whatcom County Code Chapter 2.04
- WCFD #11 Resolution # 2011-206

If the fire department is called to respond to, control, or extinguish an illegal or out-of-control fire they have the authority to charge, and recover from the person responsible for the fire, the costs of its response and control action.

OUTDOOR BURNING REGULATIONS FOR LUMMI ISLAND

LUMMI ISLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Whatcom County Fire District 11

Outdoor Burning Regulations and Information for Lummi Island

Recreational



Residential



Land Clearing



Only YOU Can Prevent Fires



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TYPES OF FIRES

Recreational: consist only of charcoal or firewood and are used for cooking or pleasure.

Residential: used for the disposal of natural vegetation produced by property maintenance and consist only of natural vegetation such as leaves, clippings, prunings and other yard and garden debris.

Land Clearing: consist of natural vegetation generated from land clearing projects.

TYPES OF PERMITS

General:

- ▶ Available at The Islander Store located at 2106 South Nugent Road 98262 during normal business hours. No charge.
- ▶ Download at www.lummiislandfire.com

Written:

- ▶ Call 360-758-2411 to schedule a time to obtain a written permit.
- ▶ Cost: \$25.00 for 3 months or \$50.00 for a year.
- ▶ All written permits expire December 31 of the year issued.

WHEN DO I NEED A PERMIT?

- ▶ Recreational fires larger than 3 feet in diameter.
- ▶ Residential and Land Clearing fires.

WHAT TYPE OF PERMIT DO I NEED?

Land Clearing: Written

Recreational and Residential: Permit requirements change with Fire Danger Rating Levels.

PERMIT NOT REQUIRED

Recreational fires less than 3 feet in diameter with the following changes to the minimum conditions:

- ▶ The fire must be in an enclosure constructed of concrete, stones or steel.
- ▶ A 2 foot firebreak (bare ground or short green grass) must surround the enclosure.
- ▶ A clear area must exist for 15 feet above the fire.

FIRE DANGER RATING LEVELS

LOW

Over 10 feet > Written; Less than 10 feet > General.

MODERATE

Over 4 feet > Written; Less than 4 feet > General.

HIGH

Written Permits Postponed; Less than 4 feet > General.

VERY HIGH

Burn Ban:

All Permits Postponed.

Recreational fires no larger than 2 feet in diameter.

EXTREME

TOTAL Burn Ban:

No Outdoor Burning (Charcoal and Propane only)

MINIMUM CONDITIONS:

- ▶ The fire must not produce smoke, odor or ash that unreasonably impacts neighboring properties.
- ▶ Only one pile at a time may be burned. (Extinguish each pile before lighting another)
- ▶ No burning when winds are greater than 10 MPH.
- ▶ Away from structures: at least 5 times the pile diameter. (3 foot diameter = 15 feet away)
- ▶ Away from shrubs or trees: at least 2 times the pile diameter. (3 foot diameter = 6 feet away)
- ▶ Firebreak (bare ground or short green grass) at least 1 1/2 times the pile diameter around the pile. (3 foot diameter = 4 1/2 feet firebreak)
- ▶ Completely clear area above the fire.
- ▶ Natural vegetation and firewood only. (If it was processed by man, it cannot be burned)
- ▶ No Construction and demolition debris. (This includes untreated lumber.)
- ▶ The fire must be in attendance at all times by one person age 16 or older capable of extinguishing the fire and able to call 9-1-1.
- ▶ Shovel or rake on site.
- ▶ Charged garden hose or 10 gallons of water and a bucket at the ready.
- ▶ The landowner's permission must be obtained if not on your property.
- ▶ Beach fires must not be in or around driftwood.
- ▶ No burning during an air pollution episode or any stage of impaired air quality as set by Northwest Air Pollution Authority.

Fire Danger Rating levels can be found at:

- ▶ Smokey Signs at Library, and Scenic Estates
- ▶ www.lummiislandfire.com
- ▶ Call 360-758-2411
- ▶ www.lummiislandfire.com,