



Recreational Fires are usually allowed and do not require a permit as long as the following regulations have been followed and no burn ban is implemented by the Pierce County or Washington State Fire Marshal Offices:

- Limited to burning dry, seasoned wood or charcoal briquettes only (no garbage, yard waste, etc.)
- Not to exceed three-feet in diameter by two-feet in height.
- Must be for the purpose of cooking, pleasure or religious ceremonies.
- Recreational fires must be 25 feet away from any structure.
- The fire pits shall be located not less than 10 feet from adjoining property lines, or near overhead branches.

Fire Pit Construction....

- Fire pits shall be constructed of concrete, stone, or approved non-combustible material.
- The bottom of the pit may be of sand, or mineral earth.
- The fire pits shall not exceed three feet in diameter. The depth of the pit shall be minimum of four inches and capable of containing all burned material. (No limbs or brush should extend beyond the pit area).

Fire Pit Maintenance ...

- Recreational Fires should be maintained in good condition at all times.
- Fire extinguishing equipment such as buckets, shovels, or garden hoses shall be readily available for use.

If you have any other questions please contact the Steilacoom Department of Public Safety at:

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Steilacoom Police

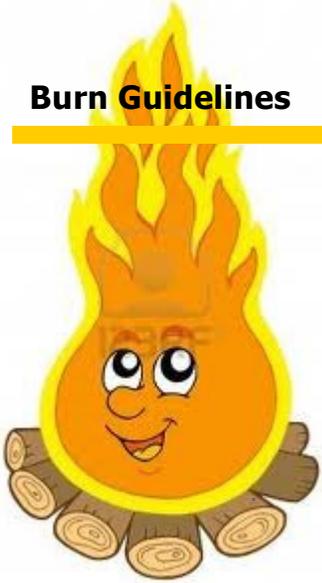
Burn Guidelines



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Fire Marshal Office**

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To Burn or Not to Burn?

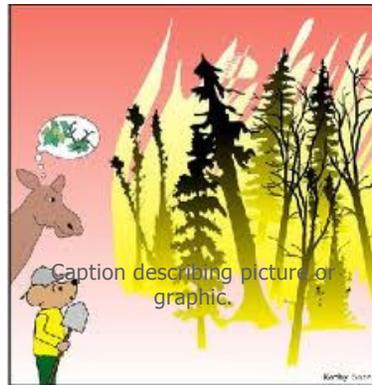
It is illegal to use a burn barrel in the state of Washington. It is also illegal to burn the following:

- Garbage or refuse
- Cardboard and paper
- Building materials including paints, vinyl flooring, roofing, and scrap lumber
- Rubber products, including tires
- Plastics or petroleum products
- Material that produces smoke that is offensive or harmful to your neighbors. If your neighbors complain you are required to put out the fire immediately

Residential Fires

There is a permanent burn ban in Steilacoom which has been declared by the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency and the Steilacoom Fire Marshal Office. Residential fires are considered as follows:

- Burning natural vegetation consisting of leaves, pruning's, and other yard and garden refuse to include grass clippings.



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An Alternate Approach to Residential Fires

-Haul it! Rake up your excess material and haul it to your nearest recycling/ transfer station.

-Compost it! Composting yard and garden waste protects the air, land and water resources while providing a rich garden fertilizer.

-Chip it! Some residents are choosing to chip their debris. Chippers may be rented or a chipping service hired to take care of your materials. Wood chips make excellent mulch around trees and shrubs and can also be used to soften garden paths.

-Mulch it! By mulching, we can easily put nature's recycling system to work in our own backyards. Spread yard and garden debris around shrubs.

If these rules are not followed you can be fined for causing a nuisance and you may be held financially liable for damages caused by your fire.