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Outdoor Burning Ban Takes effect June 9, 2023

Everett, Snohomish County—Due to current and forecasted dry weather conditions, the Snohomish County Fire Marshal announced a Stage 1 outdoor burning ban for the unincorporated areas of Snohomish County effective **Friday, June 9th at 8:00 a.m.** This is a Stage 1 burn ban to suspend all residential burning, even if a permit has been issued.

This restriction bans outdoor residential burning, except for recreational and cooking fires.

- Recreational fires are less than three feet in diameter and two feet high and are intended for cooking or pleasure within an approved fire pit. Burning material shall be kept below the top of the enclosure.
- 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.
- Portable outdoor fireplaces shall be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and shall not be operated within 15 feet of a structure or combustible material.

For the duration of this burn ban **all outdoor burn permits are suspended.**

This ban will remain in effect until there has been a sustained period of rainfall and the fire risk returns to low.

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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