

BURN RESTRICTIONS LIFTED

BURNING ALLOWED — WITH LIMITS

**It is your responsibility
to check before every fire.**

WA DNR — HIGHLANDS FIRE DANGER AREA

Effective October 15, 2026, at 12:01am:

If you have a written permit, burning is allowed subject to the conditions of your permit.

Rule Burns, not to exceed 4 feet in diameter, are allowed for forest debris from property that is not improved.

Rule Burns, not to exceed 10 feet in diameter, will be authorized starting 10/16/2026.

Campfires are allowed.

Prior to any burning, check with your local fire district and county as additional restrictions may be in place.

Contact Department of Ecology to check if an air-quality ban is in place for your area.

OKANOGAN COUNTY — 2026 BURN RESTRICTION LIFTED

As of Thursday, October 15, 2026, at 12:01 AM (midnight) the Okanogan County Burn Restriction will be lifted.

Natural vegetation may now be burnt within unincorporated areas of Okanogan County.

It is strongly encouraged to call **Okanogan County Sheriff Dispatch at 509-422-7232 option 4** before burning.

Be sure to check with your city, town, and DNR for their current burning rules/restrictions. Visit the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest or the Colville National Forest Websites for fire danger and outdoor burning restrictions for lands managed by the Forest Service.

For Air Quality burn bans go to DOE and climate information.

BURN RESPONSIBLY, do not be the one trying to explain how your controlled burn turned into an uncontrolled burn, and be a good neighbor and don't let it smolder

JUST BECAUSE YOU CAN BURN DOESN'T MEAN YOU SHOULD

It is **still very dry**. Grass, brush and forest fuels have not recovered from summer. One gust can carry embers into dry grass, and a pile that looks out can rekindle days later.

If your fire escapes, you are responsible — including firefighting costs and damage to neighbors' property.

BEFORE YOU LIGHT ANY FIRE

Check today's rules with the county, DNR and Ecology.

Call Sheriff Dispatch 509-422-7232, option 4, before burning.

Skip windy or warm days. Burn small, with water and a shovel ready.

Never leave it. Drown, stir and feel until cold to the touch.

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RULE BURN CHECKLIST

A rule burn needs no written permit **only if you can meet every item below**. Miss any one, and you need a written DNR permit.

1

Pile size

4 ft across max through Oct 15.
Starting Oct 16, 10 ft across max
until a new restriction or ban is
put in place. Check daily for
changes.

2

One pile at a time

Put each pile out before you light
the next.

3

Natural vegetation only

No garbage, lumber or plastics.
Not yard debris from improved
property.

4

Distance

At least 50 ft from structures and
500 ft from forest slash.

5

Cleared around the pile

No flammable debris near or
around the pile. Clear the area to
bare mineral earth.

6

Calm or light wind

Too windy if trees sway or flags
stand out.

7

Water and a shovel

A charged hose or at least 5
gallons of water, plus a shovel.

8

Stay until it's out

Attend it until completely out. Put
it out if it becomes a nuisance.

9

Check every day

Rules can change any day. Before
lighting, call 1-800-323-BURN or
check DNR's fire danger page.
Skipping it is citable.

YOU NEED A WRITTEN DNR PERMIT IF...

Your pile is bigger than the size limit, you want to
burn more than one pile at once, you can't keep the
distances above, or you can't meet any other item on
this checklist.

WHAT "NOT IMPROVED" MEANS HERE

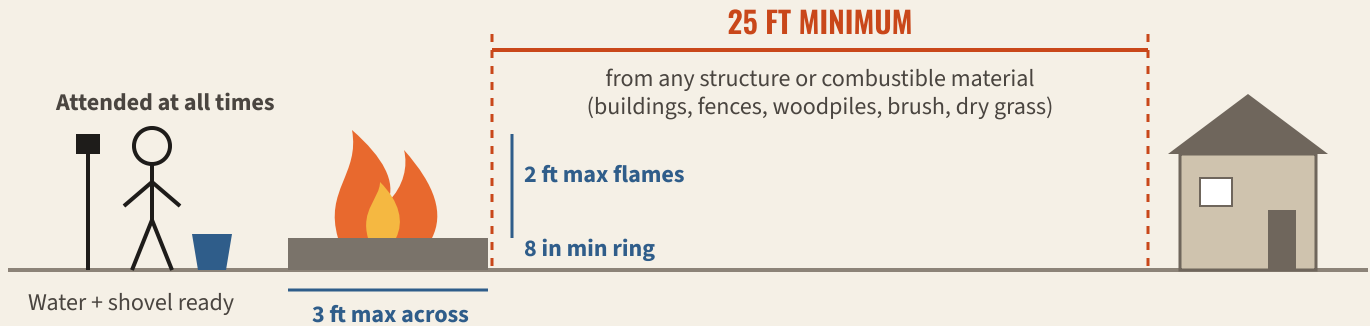
DNR rule burns cover forest debris from
undeveloped land. Yard and garden debris from a
home or cabin lot falls under county and Ecology
rules, not DNR's.

These conditions apply on DNR-protected land when no burn ban is in effect. A burn ban, an air-quality ban, or county or fire district rules can override them. Summarized from WA DNR's "Do I need a burn permit?" guidance.

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A LEGAL CAMPFIRE, BUILT RIGHT

These are the county's recreational fire standards. Follow them as your minimum any time you have a campfire.



1

Contained in a ring

Concrete, rock or steel only.

2

3 feet across, max

Ring no larger than 3 ft in diameter.

3

8 inches tall, min

Ring walls at least 8 in high.

4

Flames 2 feet or lower

Keep it small; add wood a little at a time.

5

25 feet of clearance

From any structure or combustible material.

6

Attended at all times

Never leave it. Drown, stir and feel until cold.

7

Tools ready

Shovel and dirt, water, hose or Class A extinguisher in reach.

8

Improved property only

Pleasure, cooking or warmth. No debris or yard cleanup.

IMPROVED PROPERTY — EXAMPLE

YES: A steel ring on gravel in the mowed, watered yard of a home or cabin, 25+ ft from the house, deck and woodpile.

NO: A rock ring in dry grass on undeveloped land or open range.

A CAMPFIRE IS NOT A BURN PILE

Burning brush or forest debris follows the rule-burn checklist on page 2, not these. Fireworks are illegal in unincorporated areas.

DIFFERENT RULES APPLY ON

City, DNR, Forest Service and Colville Reservation lands. DNR fire-tax parcels may have more limits.

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