



# Pierce County

## Department of Emergency Management

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: TO ALL APPROPRIATE AGENCIES

FROM: WARNER WEBB, FIRE MARSHAL

RE: COUNTY-WIDE BURN BAN

A county-wide burn ban in Pierce County is announced as follows:

**COUNTY-WIDE OUTDOOR BURN BAN**  
**EFFECTIVE 8:00 AM**  
**SATURDAY – JULY 15, 2017**  
**UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

All land clearing and yard debris burning must be discontinued at this time because a county-wide outdoor burn ban is declared by the Pierce County Fire Marshal in partnership with the Pierce County Fire Chiefs' Association, Department of Natural Resources. This ban is due to dry weather and forecasts calling for a continuation of dry weather.

This burn ban applies to all land clearing and yard debris outdoor burning. This ban does not apply to small recreational fires in established fire pits at approved camp grounds or private property with the owner's permission. The use of gas and propane self-contained stoves and barbecues will continue to be allowed under the ban.

#### **Recreational fires must:**

- Be built in a metal or concrete fire pit, such as those typically found in designated campgrounds; and not be used as debris disposal;
- Grow no larger than three feet in diameter;
- Be located in a clear spot free from any vegetation for at least 10 feet in a horizontal direction, including at least 25 feet away from any structure and allow 20-foot vertical clearance from overhanging branches;
- Be attended at all times by an alert individual and equipment capable of extinguishing the fire like hand tools and a charged garden hose or not less than two 5 gallon buckets of water;
- No burning when winds exceed 5 MPH.

This ban only applies to residents in unincorporated Pierce County. For residents of incorporated Pierce County cities, please contact your local jurisdiction for requirements.

If you have an approved DNR burn permit and/or your property falls under the jurisdiction of the department of Natural resources you are advised to call 1-800-323-BURN for more information.

**Burn Ban hotline (253) 798-7278.** Thank you for your cooperation.