



HMC Management

Subject: Outdoor Burning and Burn Ban Policy

Because fire is such a serious threat to Herron Island, the HMC Board of Directors may declare an outdoor burn ban or a fireworks ban when Pierce County has not yet done so.

HMC Unique:

When Pierce County and/or Fire District 16 announces that the fire danger is very high/ extreme and/or there is a declared burn ban the following is automatically in effect:

1. Allowed:

- Gas or electric barbecue grills;
- Charcoal and wood pellet units with an enclosed firebox and a charged water hose readily available;
- Gas fired patio fire pits

2. Not Allowed:

- Open pit wood;
- Charcoal fires;
- Outdoor burning;
- Charcoal barbecue grills;
- Beach fires; or
- Open flame items such as candles or tiki torches

Key Peninsula Fire Department Information:

1. Recreational Fire:

- Must be in a pit. Pit must be in good condition and made of concrete or approved non-combustible materials; bottom of pit must be of sand, gravel or mineral earth; pit must have a minimum depth of four (4) inches and be able to contain all burned material.
- No bigger than 3 ft x 2 ft
- Seasoned wood/charcoal briquettes/kindling
- 20 feet from any building
- 10 feet from property lines
- Water/shovel available
- No Fees or Permits Required

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- Maintain a minimum clearance of 10 feet circumference
- Factory manufactured barbeques using charcoal briquettes, natural gas or propane gas as fuel are exempt from these regulations

2. Small Residential Burning:

- Hand Stacked Pile
- Under 4 feet in Diameter
- 100 feet from occupied structure/50 feet from others
- 15 feet from property lines
- 4-foot fire break around pile
- Indigenous Material Only 1-inch diameter or smaller
- Water/Shovel available
- Verbal Permit Required, Contact (253) 884-2222
- No Fee Required

3. Burn Barrels are Illegal

Fire District 16 information:

www.keypeninsulafire.org

(253) 884-2222

Key Peninsula Fire Department "Burning Regulations" (two pages) attached as addendum and are incorporated as part of this policy.

This policy supersedes all previous policies on this topic.


President, HMC Board of Directors

5/11/19
Date

Key Peninsula Fire Department

Burning Regulations

<p><u>Recreational Fire</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be in a pit –Pit must be in good condition and made of concrete or approved non-combustible materials; bottom of pit must be of sand, gravel or mineral earth; pit must have a minimum depth of four (4) inches and be able to contain all burned material. • No bigger than 3' X 2' • Seasoned wood/ charcoal briquettes/ kindling • 20 feet from any building • 10 feet from property lines • Water/shovel available • No Fees or Permits Required • Maintain a minimum clearance of 10 feet circumference • Factory manufactured barbecues using charcoal briquettes, natural gas or propane gas as fuel are exempt from these regulations. 	<p><u>Inspections</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generally M-F 0830 – 1700; Call (253) 884-2222 • Burning Prohibited until Inspection Complete • Applicant Must Be on Site for Inspection • Inspection Scheduled within 72 Hours of Request • Pile Must Be Ignition Ready for Inspector • Fees Must Be Paid Prior to Inspection • A Competent Adult (18 y/o or older) Must Be in Attendance during All Phases of the Fire.
<p><u>Small Residential Burning</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hand Stacked Pile • Under 4 feet in Diameter • 100 feet from occupied structure/50 feet from others • 15 feet from property lines • 4 foot fire break around pile • Indigenous Material Only 1" diameter or smaller • Water/shovel available • Verbal Permit Required, Contact (253) 884-2222 • No Fee Required <p><u>Burn Barrels are Illegal</u></p>	<p><u>Waivers, Fees and Penalties</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waivers to requirements may be granted on a per request basis. • Waivers are at the discretion of the Fire Chief. • Fire Department may restrict burning at any time. • Waivers fee \$25.00 in addition to permit fee. • A Base Fee of \$150.00 will be assessed to the Property's Owner/Resident for a response to an Illegal Fire. • Hourly Rates for Illegal Burn Responses will be charged in accordance with the current Washington State Fire Chief's Fee Schedule. • Failure to Comply with Regulations could result in Penalties up to \$16,000.00 per day per occurrence Imposed by the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency.
<p><u>Large Residential Burning</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hand or Equipment Stacked • No bigger than 10' X 10' • 100 feet from occupied structure/50 feet from others • 15 feet from property lines • 10 foot fire break around pile • Indigenous Material Only up to 4" diameter • Water/shovel available • Written Permit / Inspection Required • Permit Fee \$30.00 <p><u>Burn Barrels are Illegal</u></p>	<p><u>Special Purpose Fires</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Purpose Fires for Ceremonial Purpose • No bigger than 8' X 5' • Seasoned wood / kindling • 50 feet from any building • 10 feet from property lines • Water/shovel available • Burning must be complete by 2300 hours (11:00 p.m.) • Cannot replace large residential burning • Written Permit / Inspection Required • Permit Fee \$30.00

Key Peninsula Fire Department

Burning Regulations

Pierce County Fire District #16 is responsible for all fire protection on the Key Peninsula as the agency having authority for outdoor burning. The District is under contract with the Department of Natural Resources to provide wildland fire suppression. Along with the Department of Natural Resources regulations, the District administers the Uniform Fire Code under State and County ordinances and local resolutions of the Board of Fire Commissioners. The District works in partnership with the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency to enforce as identified components of the Clean Air Act.

Outdoor fires are not permitted during any stage of an air pollution episode or during any period of impaired air quality as determined by Puget Sound Clean Air Agency. Residential burning (see previous page) is not permitted during a fire safety burn ban; though Recreational Fires (see previous page) sometimes are, the ban imposed will specify to what degree burning is banned at the time it is imposed. If a fire safety or air quality burn ban is in effect additional information can be obtained by contacting the Fire Department.

All Residential Burning requires contact with the Fire Department regardless of the permit requirement to determine the status of burn bans. Residential burning that does not require a permit, still requires that the responsible party has a copy of current outdoor burning regulations at the site and has informed the Fire Department of the intent to burn. The Fire Department website also provides outdoor burning information and links to other agencies that provide similar information. Your information must be on file with the Fire Department prior to any outdoor burning.

See: www.keypeninsulafire.org

Burn Barrels are not legal in Pierce County, by order of the Pierce County Fire Marshal.

All Residential Fires Require Fire Department Approval, Some Require a Written Permit.

Residential Fires up to four (4) feet in diameter require the party conducting the burn to have a copy of these rules on-site and that they have received verbal authorization from the Fire Department on the day of the burn to confirm that no bans are in affect. All fires over four (4) feet in diameter require an inspection and permit. These fires may not exceed ten (10) feet in diameter. Permit applications are available at the Key Center Fire Station: 8911 Key Peninsula Hwy NW (253) 884-2222 for a fee of \$30.00.

Penalties.

Non Compliance with these regulations can result in citations/civil penalties up to \$16,000.00 per occurrence, per day by the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency. You may also be charged for the response and extinguishment of an illegal fire at the base rate of \$150.00 and hourly fees as set by the Washington State Fire Chief's Fee Schedule.