



Recreational fires are allowed in the Cities of Beaux Arts Village, Bellevue, Clyde Hill, Hunts Point, Medina, Newcastle and Yarrow Point providing that fire safety requirements are met, and that air quality conditions allow outdoor burning.

## Definitions

Recreational fire means cooking fires, and campfires using charcoal or firewood that occur in designated areas or on private property for cooking, pleasure, or ceremonial purposes.

## Air Quality Regulations

When air quality conditions are poor, the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency may enact a ban on both indoor and outdoor burning. To determine if an air quality burn is in effect, call 1.800.595.4341 or visit their web site [www.pscleanair.org](http://www.pscleanair.org)

## Recreational Fires

Recreational fires are permitted provided the following requirements are met:

- No air quality burn ban is in effect
- The fire is not more than 3' in diameter and 2' in height.
- The fire is separated by 25' from any combustible structures.
- Trash, yard waste, rubbish or paper products are not being burned.
- Fire extinguishing equipment is readily available for use. This should include a shovel two buckets of water or a charged garden hose or fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating.
- The fire is continually attended by an adult until it is completely extinguished.
- The fire is not being conducted on public property where fires are prohibited, such as in a park or on school grounds. Fire in parks are only allowed where specifically authorized, and where appropriate burning receptacles are provided.

## Prohibited Materials

The following materials may not be burned in any outdoor fire: garbage, dead animals,

asphalt, petroleum products, paints, rubber products, plastics, paper (other than what is necessary to start a fire), cardboard, treated wood, construction/demolition debris, metal, or any substance (other than charcoal or wood that has not been treated, painted or stained) that normally releases toxic emissions, dense smoke, or obnoxious odors when burned.

## Use of Weed Burners

The use of weed burners is not permitted.

## Use of Sky Lanterns

The use of sky lanterns is not permitted (see [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/pdf/Fire/sky\\_lanterns.pdf](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/pdf/Fire/sky_lanterns.pdf) for additional information)

## Use of Patio Fireplaces

A patio fireplace is one that is designed to function like a traditional masonry or factory-built fireplace, except that they are portable, outdoor, solid-fuel burning fireplaces. They may be constructed of steel, concrete or clay and may or may not be equipped with a short chimney.

Use of patio fireplaces is allowed providing the following conditions are met:

- No air quality burn ban is in effect.
- The patio fireplace is not placed on a deck or balcony and is not located within 15' of a structure or combustible material or vegetation.  
**Note:** The use of patio fireplaces at single family homes and duplexes are exempt from this requirement.
- Trash, yard waste, rubbish or paper products are not being burned.
- Fire extinguishing equipment is readily available for use. This should include a shovel two buckets of water or a charged garden hose or fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating.

## Complaints and Hazardous Fires

If smoke from your fire is causing a nuisance or it is determined by the fire department that it constitutes a hazard, the fire department will have you extinguish your fire.