



Recreational and Cooking Fire Regulations

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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 and fire safety 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 ban is in effect, call 1.800.595.4341 or visit their web site www.pscleanair.org

Fire Safety Burn Ban

When a red flag warning is in effect, or when weather conditions make burning unsafe, the City of Bellevue may enact a ban on outdoor burning. To determine if a burn ban is in effect, visit www.bellevuewa.gov

Recreational Fires

Recreational fires are permitted provided the following requirements are met:

- No 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, including decks or fences.
- 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, 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. Fires 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 our Sky Lanterns handout for additional information)





Use of Portable Outdoor Fireplaces

Portable outdoor fireplaces are devices which are held off the ground by legs or other supporting structures, are intended to contain a fire, prevent burning material from leaving the container, and prevent

the spread of embers or sparks.

Use of portable outdoor fireplaces are allowed providing the following conditions are met:

- The fireplace is not placed on a combustible deck or balcony and is not located within 15' of a structure or combustible material or vegetation.
- No burn ban is in effect.
- 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, a charged garden hose or fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating.

Complaints and Hazardous Fires

If the fire department determines that your fire constitutes a hazard, the fire department will have you extinguish your fire. Complaints regarding smoke or other air quality concern should be directed to Puget Sound Clean Air Agency at pscleanair.gov/262/File-a-Complaint or (800) 552-3565