

Eastside Fire & Rescue

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Recreational Fires:

Recreational fires are defined in state law as cooking fires and charcoal barbecues, campfires and bonfires that occur in designated areas or on private property for cooking, pleasure or ceremonial purposes. Fires lit in chimineas, fire pits, fire bowls and similar free-standing devices, commonly sold at home-improvement stores and mass retailers, fall under this definition. They are allowed in both urbanized and unincorporated areas, though the following regulations apply:

- **Keep it small not tall** - Fires must not exceed three feet in diameter or two feet in height.
- **Fuel it right** - Only charcoal, dried firewood or manufactured firelogs may be used. It is illegal to burn anything else.
- **Stay clear of structures** - Recreational fires must be a minimum of 25 feet from a structure.
- **Stand guard and extinguish** - A person capable of extinguishing the fire must attend it at all times, and the fire must be extinguished before leaving it.
- **Mind the ban** - Recreational fires are always prohibited during air-quality burn bans. They may also be prohibited during a fire-safety burn ban. Burn ban information will be available at eastsidefire-rescue.org. You may also check the link below for intermittent air quality related burn bans imposed by PugetSoundCleanAir.Org.
<http://www.pscleanair.org/priorities/woodheating/Pages/burnbans.aspx>
- **Be a good neighbor** - *It is always illegal to smoke out your neighbor.* If smoke from your fire bothers your neighbors, damages their property or otherwise causes a nuisance, you must immediately put it out.

For more information, see the Washington Administrative Code Section 173-425-050(6).

Residential Fires:

Residential burning means small outdoor fires consisting of leaves, clippings, pruning, and other yard and gardening refuse origination on lands immediately adjacent and in close proximity to the dwelling where the property owner lives.

Burning is permitted when there is a minimum separation of 50 feet from any structure or combustible material. Only one pile may be burned at a time. Burning shall be permitted from 10:00 am until sunset.

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. What am I allowed to burn, and when can I burn at my address? Determine whether or not your address is in an urban or rural growth area. Refer to the King County GIS map link below. Review the guidelines below for what you are allowed to burn based on your address location.

- A. Recreational fires are allowed in all areas of Eastside Fire & Rescue, (urban and rural growth areas)
- B. Residential Fires are only allowed outside the urban growth boundary. (If you live within a city, you are within an urban growth boundary and cannot have a residential fire.) These boundaries extend beyond city limits in many cases.

King County GIS has a map that you can view to identify the Urban Growth Boundary at <http://www.kingcounty.gov/operations/GIS/Maps/iMAP.aspx>. On the Map home page, follow these instructions:

- 1) Select LAUNCH
- 2) In upper right corner, Select Layer List (3 sheets paper icon)
- 3) Uncheck King County Address Points and Property Layer
- 4) Scroll to Planning, Select Check Box, Expand Planning by clicking arrow to left
- 5) Expand Urban Growth Area by clicking arrow to left, urban boundary is orange
- 6) Scroll to Unincorporated KC Zoning and Zoning Label boxes and Uncheck
- 7) Input address and hit enter (upper left corner). Zoom out to view boundary lines

If you have a question, you can call 425-313-3200 or contact your nearest fire station to see if you are within an Urban Growth Boundary.

ONLY NATURAL VEGETATION SHALL BE BURNED. The fire shall not contain any rubber products, asphalt products, petroleum products, plastics, garbage, dead animals or any other waste material.

Conditions of residential burning:

- **Fire is on applicant's residential property** - Material being burned must originate on that property.
- **Stay within manageable size** - Pile of burning material shall not be larger than 4 x 4 by 3 feet in height.
- **Know the rules** - Burn permit shall be at the site while burning.
- **Stay clear of structures** - Residential fires must be a minimum of 50 feet from a structure, fence or trees.
- **Stand guard and extinguish** - A person capable of extinguishing the fire must attend it at all times, and the fire must be extinguished before leaving it.
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Land Clearing Fires - Not permitted in King County.

A SEASONAL MORATORIUM ON RESIDENTIAL BURNING WILL BE IMPOSED FROM JUNE 15 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30 OF EACH YEAR, WHICH IS SOMETIMES EXTENDED.

BURNING SHALL CEASE AND NOT CONTINUE DURING ANY PERIOD OF IMPAIRED AIR QUALITY. CONTACT PUGET SOUND CLEAN AIR AGENCY AT 1-800-595-4341 or <http://www.pscleanair.org> FOR INFORMATION.

EASTSIDE FIRE & RESCUE BURN PERMIT

RESIDENTIAL – COOKING/RECREATIONAL

Print Name of Applicant / Responsible Party: _____

Address of Burn Site: (Address Must be Clearly Marked at Entrance to Property) _____

Date of Permit: _____

READ CAREFULLY ALL PAGES OF THIS APPLICATION BEFORE SIGNING

The applicant agrees to comply with all terms, conditions and permit regulations of Eastside Fire & Rescue and Puget Sound Clean Air Agency.

This permit is issued on the following terms and conditions and proposed purposes stated therein:

1. **RESIDENTIAL burning** shall be permitted from 10:00 a.m. until sunset.
2. Personnel and equipment capable of extinguishing the fire shall be on the site at all times while burning.
3. Smoke emitted from burning shall not cause impact to another person (s) or property. This permit may be revoked at any time based on any type of complaint (s) received without on-site verification by Eastside Fire & Rescue.
4. Definitions: **Residential burning** means an outdoor fire no larger than 4 feet in diameter by 3 feet in height consisting of leaves, clippings, pruning, and other yard and garden refuse originating on lands immediately adjacent and in close proximity to the dwelling and burned on such lands by the property owner or his/her designee. The fire shall not contain any rubber, asphalt, petroleum products, plastics, garbage, dead animals or other waste material.
5. **Cooking/Recreational burning** means an outdoor fire no larger than 3 feet in diameter by 2 feet in height consisting of charcoal or dry seasoned firewood, (not debris), used for cooking or campfires.
6. Conditions:
 - **ONLY NATURAL VEGETATION SHALL BE BURNED.**
 - Only one pile shall be burned at any one time.
 - Burn permit shall be at the site while burning.
 - There shall be no **residential burning** within 50 feet (100 feet in diameter) of any fences, trees, structures or other combustible materials and no **cooking/recreational burning** within 25 feet of structures, fences or trees.

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(Signature by Eastside Fire & Rescue is no longer required. Please sign and keep on your property site.)

Property Owner Signature: _____ Date: _____

(By signing this document, you acknowledge that you have read and fully understand the guidelines of this permit.)

THIS BURN PERMIT IS VALID FOR THE CURRENT YEAR ONLY (JAN. 1 – DEC. 31)
Current/Updated permits are available to download, print, and sign at EastsideFire-Rescue.Org

BURN INFORMATION 1-800-595-4341 or 425-313-3200

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