



# Pierce County

## Department of Emergency Management

### Fire Prevention Bureau

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: TO ALL APPROPRIATE AGENCIES

FROM: KEN RICE, FIRE MARSHAL

RE: **COUNTY-WIDE FIRE SAFETY BURN BAN**

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

**COUNTY-WIDE OUTDOOR BURN BAN**  
**EFFECTIVE 12:00 AM**  
**FRIDAY, AUGUST 5th, 2021**  
**UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

The Pierce County Fire Marshal, in partnership with the Pierce County Fire Chiefs' Association, has declared a county-wide burn ban. This ban is due to current and predicted dry weather conditions.

The 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 campgrounds or private property with the owner's permission. The use of gas and propane self-contained stoves and barbecues are 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.

Please refer any inquiries regarding this fire safety burn ban to our website, [www.piercecountywa.gov/fpb](http://www.piercecountywa.gov/fpb), or our Burn Ban hotline at (253) 798-7278. Thank you for your cooperation.

