In Washington State . . .

- **It is always illegal to use a BURN BARREL.**
- **It is always illegal to burn prohibited materials including:**
  - Garbage or refuse
  - Cardboard and paper
  - Building materials including paints, vinyl flooring, roofing and scrap lumber
  - Rubber products, including tires
  - Plastics or petroleum products
  - Material that produces smoke that is offensive or harmful to your neighbors
- **It is always illegal to smoke out your neighbor.** If they complain, you are required to put the fire out immediately. You can be fined for causing a nuisance, and you may be held financially liable for damages caused by your fire

For more information about other types of burning and regulations, contact your fire department or the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency.

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Recreational Fire Guidelines

Be sure to burn responsibly!

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Recreational Fires

Recreational fires are allowed in Pierce County Fire District #22 in a fire pit only after the following regulations have been followed. Due to the "Washington State Clean Air Act", revised in 1991, it is mandatory that recreational fires meet these requirements.

1. Recreational fires are limited to burning of dry, seasoned wood or charcoal briquettes, with a total fuel area of three (3) feet or less in diameter and two (2) feet in height, for the purpose of cooking, pleasure or religious ceremonies.

2. No garbage, dead animals, asphalt, petroleum products, paints, rubber products, tires, plastic, paper products, plywood, finished lumber, or particleboard may be burned.

3. Burning of residential yard waste in a recreational pit is prohibited, including grass clippings, leaves, needles, and brush.

4. No recreational fires shall be allowed during any stage of an air pollution episode or impaired air quality, as directed by the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency.

Location:

- Recreational fires must be 25 feet away from any structure.
- Recreational fire pits shall be located not less than ten (10) feet from adjoining property lines, fences, or docks with no overhead branches.

Construction:

- Recreational fire pits shall be constructed of concrete, stone, or approved non-combustible material.
- The bottom of the pit may be of sand, or mineral earth.
- The recreational fire pit shall not exceed three (3) feet in diameter. The depth of the pit shall be a minimum of four (4) inches and capable of containing all burned material. (no limbs or brush should extend beyond the pit area)

Maintenance:

- Recreational fire pits shall be maintained in good condition at all times.
- Fire extinguishing equipment such as buckets, shovels, or garden hoses shall be readily available for use at recreational fires.

Attendance:

- Recreational fire pits shall be constantly attended by a person knowledgeable in the use of fire extinguishing equipment required by this section. An attendant shall supervise a recreational fire until such fire has been completely extinguished

Discontinuance:

- The fire department may require a recreational fire to be extinguished if atmospheric or local circumstances make such fires hazardous or if it is required by the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency.

The fire department is required to report burning infractions to the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency. Non-compliance with these regulations can result in a civil penalty of $10,000 or more per day.

Always be prepared !
Keep fire extinguishing equipment readily available.