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RESIDENTIAL FIRE REQUIREMENTS

PROHIBITED:

- Residential fires within city limits, within the Urban Growth Area, and non-attainment area as defined by Puget Sound Clean Air Agency.
- Fires during any stage of an air pollution or fire safety burn ban.
- Fires containing garbage, grass clippings, dead animals, asphalt, petroleum products, rubber products (including tires), plastic, paper products, building materials (including paints, finished lumber, vinyl flooring, roofing, or scrap lumber), or any substance other than natural vegetation that normally emits dense smoke or obnoxious odors.
- Fires in burn barrels.
- Fires for the purpose of burning demolition, salvage, or reclamation materials.
- No fires shall be allowed on any public or private Right-of-Way or on any lake bottom.

GENERAL:

- *Permit: required, must be on site, valid for one burn season, no fee.*
- **Maximum fire size:** Four (4) feet in diameter by three (3) feet in height.
- **Fuel:** Natural vegetation consisting of leaves, prunings, and other yard and garden refuse originating on the property where the fire is to take place. **Grass clippings are NOT allowed.**
- **Setback to structures:** Fifty (50) feet.
- **Setback to adjoining property lines, fences, or docks:** Ten (10) feet. The surrounding area shall be clear with no overhanging branches.
- **Burn Season:** October 1 - May 31 except during any stage of a burn ban.
- A competent person (attendant), at least 18 years of age, must be present on the immediate fire site at all times.
- The attendant must verify that there are no burn bans in effect before ignition.
- A garden hose connected to a water supply, or a shovel and five (5) gallons of water must be at the burn site at all times. **If the fire gets out of control, 9-1-1 will be called immediately.**
- Fires shall not be ignited before 8:00 A.M. and must be completely extinguished by sunset.
- Only one fire may be burned at a time on a parcel of land.
- Fires will not be lit if the wind is blowing more than 5 miles per hour. Lit fires will be extinguished if winds begin to blow more than 5 miles per hour.
- Fires must be maintained to assure maximum burning efficiency. It is illegal to smoke out your neighbor. If they complain, you are required to put the fire out immediately - even if you have a burn permit. You can be fined for causing a nuisance, and you may be held financially liable for damages caused by your fire.

Burn bans may be declared by East Pierce Fire & Rescue, Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, Pierce County Fire Marshal's Office, and the Washington State Fire Marshal.

PERMIT PROCESS:

1. Verify burn property is in a designated burn area by using the interactive map at www.eastpiercfire.org.
2. Complete the fillable permit form (only available during the burn season)
3. Print
4. Sign the permit (not valid unless signed)
5. Keep signed permit at the burn site while burning.

CANCELLATION OF BURNING PERMITS:

- Any permit may be suspended or revoked when it is determined by the District that any of the conditions or limitations set forth in these regulations have not been met, if it is found to be a nuisance, or when the atmospheric or local circumstances make such fires hazardous.