

# "WHERE COMPASSION AND ACTION MEET"

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## RECREATIONAL FIRE REQUIREMENTS

In East Pierce Fire & Rescue, recreational fires are allowed in a fire pit only after the following regulations have been met.

### PROHIBITED:

- Fires during any stage of an air pollution or fire safety burn ban.
- Burning of residential yard waste in a recreational pit.
- 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 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:

- *No Permit required.*
- Maximum fire size: Three (3) feet or less in diameter and two (2) feet in height.
- Fuel: Dry, seasoned wood or charcoal briquettes.
- Purpose: Cooking, pleasure, or religious ceremonies.
- Setback to structures: Twenty-five (25) feet minimum.
- Setback to adjoining property lines, fences, or docks: Ten (10) feet minimum. The surrounding area shall be clear and with no overhanging branches.
- Burn Season: Year-round EXCEPT during certain stages of burn bans.
- A competent person (attendant), at least 18 years of age, must be present at all times until such fire has been completely extinguished.
- 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.**
- 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.
- 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;
  - 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; and
  - Shall always be maintained in good condition.

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

### PERMIT:

- No permit required.