

EAST PIERCE FIRE & RESCUE
RESIDENTIAL FIRE PERMIT
Burning Season October 1, 2023, through May 31, 2024



Date Issued _____ Date Expires May 31, 2024

I have verified that my address is in a designated area for residential burning.

Permittee _____

Address _____

**ATTENTION: FOR THIS PERMIT TO BE VALID, THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS
MUST BE MET:**

No burning shall be conducted during an established "Burn Ban". The resident must verify that there are no burn bans in effect before ignition of the fire. Check for burn bans at:

- Air Quality - Puget Sound Clean Air Agency website www.pscleanair.org or call 1-800-595-4341.
- Fire Safety – East Pierce Fire & Rescue website www.eastpiercefirerescue.org.

FIRE PERMIT REQUIREMENTS:

1. Fire will not exceed 4 feet diameter by 3 feet in height, and only one pile at a time may be burned. Burn barrels are prohibited by state law.
2. Burning shall be permitted under the current rules and regulations for outdoor burning in East Pierce Fire & Rescue, of the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, and applicable provisions of the International Fire Code, current edition.
3. Only natural vegetation may be burned including branches, leaves, prunings, and other yard refuse originating on the property where the fire is to take place. **Note: Grass clippings are not allowed to be burned.**
4. Burning of the following materials is prohibited:
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
5. No burning is allowed on Bonneville Power, Northwest Pipeline, or Puget Sound Energy right-of-ways, in any lake bottom, or on a public right-of-way.
6. Fires shall have a competent person, at least 18 years of age, present on the immediate fire site at all times until all visible emissions cease and the fire is completely extinguished.
7. Fires will not be lit if the wind is blowing more than 5 miles per hour. Lit fires will be extinguished if wind begins to blow more than 5 miles per hour.
8. Fires shall not be ignited before 8:00 A.M. and must be completely extinguished by sunset.
9. Fires shall be a minimum of fifty (50) feet from any structure **AND** ten (10) feet from any adjoining property lines, fences, or docks and the surrounding area shall be clear with no overhanging branches.
10. A garden hose connected to a water supply **or** a shovel and five (5) gallons of water must be at the burn site.
11. This permit must be at the site when any burning is being performed.
12. The fire shall be maintained in a manner that will assure maximum burning efficiency.

The person in whose name this permit is issued shall be liable for any damage caused by any fire started by authority hereby granted. This permit may be suspended or revoked when it is determined by East Pierce Fire & Rescue that any conditions or limitations set forth within have not been met or due to atmospheric conditions. It is the responsibility of the permittee to extinguish the fire if required by either the East Fire & Rescue or Puget Sound Clean Air Agency. All costs incurred shall be borne by the permittee.

I have read and understand the requirements by which this permit is issued. (*Permit not valid unless signed.*)

Permittee

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY - DIAL 9-1-1
Business Office Telephone (253) 863-1800 (Option 3)