

Outdoor Burning—Recreational Fires



1. Everett is in a “No Outdoor Burning” zone. Examples of prohibited burning activities include land clearing, building demolition, brush burning, and grass burning.
2. Recreational fires are allowed without permit by both the Everett Municipal Code and the International Fire Code as adopted by the State of Washington under the following circumstances:
 - a. Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material. **Exception:** Approved appliances with a clearly visible manufacturer’s listing may be used if installed per manufacturer’s listing.
 - b. Shovels, rakes, and water-charged garden hose or 4A-rated extinguisher shall be available for immediate use.
 - c. Recreational fires shall be constantly attended. They are not considered extinguished unless one can handle the ashes without protection.
 - d. Fires shall be limited to three feet (3’) in diameter and two feet (2’) in height.
 - e. Only dry, seasoned wood may be burned. Construction scraps, green wood, shrub trimmings, leaves, and other refuse are prohibited for use as fuel.
 - f. Recreational fires may or may not be allowed during “Burn Bans” in Snohomish County. Burn Ban information is available by calling the Snohomish County Fire Marshal **Burning Information Line** at **425/388-3508**.
3. Recreational fires that are offensive or objectionable because of smoke or odor emissions when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous shall be prohibited (City of Everett Municipal code, Section 16.03.020). Responding suppression crews are authorized to order the fire extinguished and to extinguish the fire if necessary.
4. Bonfires for community events require a permit from the Fire Prevention Bureau.
 - a. A bonfire shall not be conducted within 50 feet of a structure or combustible material unless the fire is contained in a barbecue pit. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 50 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition. A bonfire shall not be conducted where neighboring residences or businesses might be subject to smoke or fire odors.
 - b. Shovels, rakes, and water-charged garden hose or 4A-rated extinguisher shall be available for immediate use.
 - c. Bonfires shall be constantly attended. They are not considered extinguished unless one can handle the ashes without protection.
 - d. Fires shall be limited to six feet (6’) in diameter and four feet (4’) in height.
 - e. Only dry, seasoned wood may be burned. Construction scraps, green wood, shrub trimmings, leaves, and other refuse are prohibited for use as fuel.