

# Sky Lanterns



Sky Lanterns, also known as Kongming Lanterns, are airborne paper candle lanterns. They are constructed from oiled rice paper on a bamboo frame, and contain a small candle or fuel cell composed of a waxy flammable material. When lit, the flame heats the air inside the lantern, causing the lantern to rise into the air. The sky lantern is only airborne for as long as the flame stays alight, after which the lantern floats back to the ground.

Because sky lanterns contain an open flame and are unguided and can land anywhere, they can cause a fire when landing on flammable/combustible material or dry vegetation. Due to the significant fire risk they pose, the use of sky lanterns and similar devices, is prohibited in the City of Everett as a form of reckless burning.



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