

BURNING REGULATIONS

South Mason Fire & Rescue encourages citizens to review Mason County burning regulations before any outdoor fire. We respond to numerous fires every year that start out as a recreational or land clearing fire that was not in compliance with burning regulations. South Mason Fire does not issue burn permits see below for more details on permitting and regulations.

RECREATIONAL FIRES:

- A written permit is not required for a recreational fire.
- Recreational fires are not to contain household waste or trash. Use only firewood and/or charcoal briquettes.
- Maximum fire pile size is three (3) feet in diameter.
- A minimum ten (10) foot firebreak must be constructed around each fire with a twenty (20) foot vertical clearance from overhanging branches.
- Fire shall be in a metal or concrete fire pit, such as those typically found in designated campgrounds.
- Only one fire at a time per parcel, or campsite.
- Fire must be at least twenty five (25) feet from any structure or combustible material.
- The fire must not create a nuisance from smoke, obscure visibility on public roads, or endanger life and property.
- A person, water, and equipment capable of extinguishing the fire shall be in constant attendance at the site while burning.
- No burning when winds exceed five (5) miles per hour (MPH).

RESIDENTIAL OUTDOOR FIRES:

- A written permit is not required for residential burning.
- Maximum pile size is four (4) feet in diameter.
- A minimum ten (10) foot firebreak must be constructed around each pile with a twenty (20) foot vertical clearance from overhanging branches.
- Only one fire at a time per parcel.

- Burn pile must be at least twenty five (25) feet from any structure or combustible material.
- Materials to be burned shall not be moved from one site to another. All materials must originate from the property on which the burning is to occur.
- The fire must not create a nuisance from smoke
- No residential fire is to be commenced before dawn and no material is to be added after dusk.
- A person and equipment capable of extinguishing the fire must be in constant attendance at the site while burning.

LAND CLEARING FIRES

- **A written permit is required for land clearing burning or agricultural burning through Mason County or Olympic Region Clean Air Agency (ORCAA) <https://www.orcaa.org/burning/outdoor-burning/> .**
- **For information on how to apply for a burn permit, refer to the Mason County Fire Marshals Office https://masoncountywa.gov/departments/community_development/fire_marshall/index.php or by phone at (360) 427-9670 ext. 352**