

Open Burning Permit for Small Fires

**Non-recreational – Permit not valid for fires in excess of 10 feet in diameter
(Only valid in Cowlitz County where burning is allowed)**

Name: _____

Telephone number: _____

Address of burning site: _____

- Any condition which might cause a fire to spread to within 50 feet of a building or other combustibles shall be removed prior to and during open burning.
- Open burning is prohibited within 500 feet of forest slash without a permit obtained from the Department of Natural Resources.

General Requirements of this Permit

This permit shall be kept on the premises where the open burning occurs and shall be produced upon request of the Fire Marshal, fire department, or other regulating official. In addition to the requirements stated herein, the Southwest Clean Air Agency (www.swcleanair.org) may further restrict outdoor burning.

PRIOR TO BURNING

Call 1.800.633.0709 or
360.574.3058 ext 6

All conditions or restrictions outlined on the recording must be followed. If burning is being done by other than the owner of the property, the permittee shall demonstrate that permission from the property owner has been obtained.

Permitted materials: Only natural vegetation

grown on the permitted property may be burned. A small amount of paper (if necessary to ignite the fire) is permitted to be used. **The use of burning barrels is never permitted.**

Hours: Without the written consent of the Fire Marshal, burning is restricted to **daylight hours** and **only one pile** may be burned at a time.

Location: The following distances between any open burning and buildings or combustible material shall be established prior to igniting the fire – the distances must also be maintained until all burning material is extinguished.

- 25 feet when pile diameter is less than 3 feet and less than 2 feet high
- 50 feet under all other conditions

Fire extinguishing equipment: A shovel and a garden hose connected to a sufficient **reliable water supply** or other approved fire extinguishing equipment shall be readily available at all open burning sites.

Attendance: Burning must be **constantly attended** by a person capable and knowledgeable in the use of the required fire extinguishing equipment. The attendant must be familiar with the requirements of this permit and shall remain in attendance until all burning materials are thoroughly extinguished (**cold to the touch**).

Discontinuance: The Fire Marshal may order open burning to immediately cease where smoke emissions are offensive to occupants or surrounding property or where a hazardous condition is created.

Penalty: In addition to other penalties, failure to comply with any provision of this permit is a civil infraction subject to **fines of up to \$3,000 per day**.

Expiration: This permit expires one year from the date of issue. **Outdoor burning is not permitted from July 15th through September 30 each year. All burning permits will be rescinded between these two dates. Check with the Fire Marshal's Office before resuming outdoor burning after September 30.**

Signature / Date

(Permit is not valid without signature of applicant. By signing, the applicant acknowledges that they have read and agree to the conditions stated herein.)



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