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Full Burn Ban in Skagit County

Due to high fire danger and expected hot and dry weather conditions, a full burning ban for the unincorporated areas of Skagit County will go into effect **Thursday, July 30, 2009 at 8:00 AM. This restriction bans all outdoor burning in Skagit County. The only exception is recreational fires in COUNTY, STATE, PRIVATE or NATIONAL camp grounds with a Park Ranger or a Camp Ground Host. ALL fires are to BE EXTINGUISHED by 10:00 pm nightly. NO PRIVATE HOME OWNERS WILL BE ALLOWED TO HAVE CAMP FIRES.**

As always burning garbage and the use of burn barrels is illegal state wide and subject to fines up to $1,000.00.

A permanent ban on open burning remains in effect in the Cities of Anacortes, Burlington, Concrete, Hamilton, La Conner, Lyman, Mount Vernon, and Sedro Woolley and their urban growth areas. For more information on the permanent burn ban in these cities you may contact the Northwest Clean Air Agency at (800) 622-4627 or check their website at www.nwcleanair.org.

If your property falls under the jurisdiction of the Department of Natural Resources, please call (360) 856-3500 for burn permit information. Washington State Parks and National Parks are subject to their own rules and regulations relating to burn bans.

This burn ban will be in effect until further notice. You may obtain updated County burn restriction information by calling the Skagit County Fire Warden at (360) 428-3293.