



## QUILCENE FIRE RESCUE OUTDOOR BURNING FACT SHEET

### OVERVIEW:

The following provides only a *summary* of types of Outdoor Burning allowed within the boundaries of Quilcene Fire Rescue.

### TYPES OF FIRES:

#### **Outdoor Gas Fired Cooking & Heating Fires--No Permit Required**

Outdoor gas fired grills, griddles, cooktops, heaters and fire pits may be used at any time, even during burn bans, so long as the device has a shutoff valve.

#### **Recreational Fires (Campfires)—No Permit Required**

Recreational fires (campfires) must be fueled only by clean, dry firewood or charcoal and must be no larger than four feet in diameter. No permit is required.

#### **Residential Yard-Waste Fires—No Permit Required**

Residential yard waste fires no larger than four feet in diameter must be fueled only by dry, natural vegetation originating on the site. Burning anything other than natural vegetation is prohibited. No permit is required.

#### **Land Clearing Fires—Quilcene Fire Rescue Permit Required**

Subject to certain conditions, land clearing fires up to twenty feet in diameter and fifteen feet high may be set to burn natural vegetation originating and cleared from a site. Permits are issued by Quilcene Fire Rescue. Fees are required.

#### **Agricultural Fires—ORCAA Permit Required**

Agricultural burning involves burning vegetative debris from an agricultural operation under certain circumstances. Permits are issued by the Olympic Regional Clean Air Agency.

#### **Silvicultural Fires—DNR Permit Required**

Silviculture is the growing and cultivation of trees. Silvicultural burning encourages forest health and wildfire prevention. Permits are issued by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources.

#### **Ceremonial Fires—ORCAA Permit Required**

Fires necessary for Native American ceremonies. Ceremonial Fire Permits are issued by the Olympic Clean Air Agency.

### MINIMUM CONDITIONS FOR ANY AND ALL OUTDOOR FIRES (some permits require additional conditions):

#### **Metal burn barrels are prohibited.**

**Fuels Allowed and Prohibited:** Except as noted above, only natural vegetation originating on site may be burned. Burning anything else is prohibited. Examples of prohibited items include:

- Household garbage or trash (including paper and cardboard)
- Dead animals
- Asphalt
- Petroleum products
- Paints
- Rubber products
- Plastics
- Treated wood
- Construction/demolition debris
- Metal
- Any other substance which normally emits dense smoke or noxious odors when burned

#### **Burning Prohibited in Adverse Atmospheric**

**Conditions:** No burning is allowed under the following conditions:

- On *any* day when a Burn Ban is in effect
- In winds over 10 miles per hour
- On foggy days

#### **Other Conditions**

- Burning is allowed only from 8 am to 4 pm.
- No fuel may be added to any outdoor burn pile after 3 pm.
- A shovel and an adequate water source must be on site and immediately available.

### PENALTIES

Penalties may be assessed for violations of these rules. In addition, the Quilcene Fire Rescue may recover costs incurred during response, control, or extinguishments of an unlawful or out of control fire.

### LIABILITY

Property Owners and/or Contractors assume responsibility for damage to any real or personal property of others or for adverse effects on the health of others resulting from burning activity