

## Practice Good Fire Safety!

Before igniting your fire, prepare your space. According to the International Fire Code standards and Washington Administrative Code:

- Once ignited, the fire should be attended at all times by someone 16 or older until it is fully extinguished.
- Your firepit must be 25 feet from any structure or combustible materials (such as trees, shrubs, fences, stacked lumber, etc.)
- A fire extinguisher, charged hose (i.e. water is turned on and hose is ready to spray), or two 5-gallon buckets of water are at hand.
- To extinguish, add water to the entire fire, ensure all embers, cinders, and log pieces are wet. Check for hot-spots and re-soak if needed.

### What NOT to burn!

State law prohibits the burning of any of the following:

- paper (except just enough to get the fire started)
- household trash
- plastics
- cardboard
- treated, painted, or stained wood
- plywood
- construction debris
- dimensional lumber
- paints
- tires
- asphalt
- roofing material
- metals
- dead animals
- petroleum products



## Questions?

### Fire Protection Services

Clallam Co. Fire Marshal .....(360) 417-2321  
Grays Harbor Co. Fire Marshal..... (360) 249-4222  
Jefferson Co. Emergency Mgmt....(360) 385-9368  
Mason Co. Fire Marshal.....(360) 427-9670  
Pacific Co. Fire Marshal.....(360) 665-4451  
Thurston Co. Fire Marshal ..... (360) 867-2800  
Washington Department of Natural Resources  
(DNR).....(360) 902-1300  
<https://www.dnr.wa.gov/burn-restrictions>

### Air Quality Questions

Olympic Region Clean Air Agency (ORCAA)  
.....(360) 539-7610  
<https://www.orcaa.org>



# Keep Your Campfire Clean!



Best practices for controlling  
smoke from your backyard  
recreational fire



# Easy Ways to Cut your Campfire Smoke!

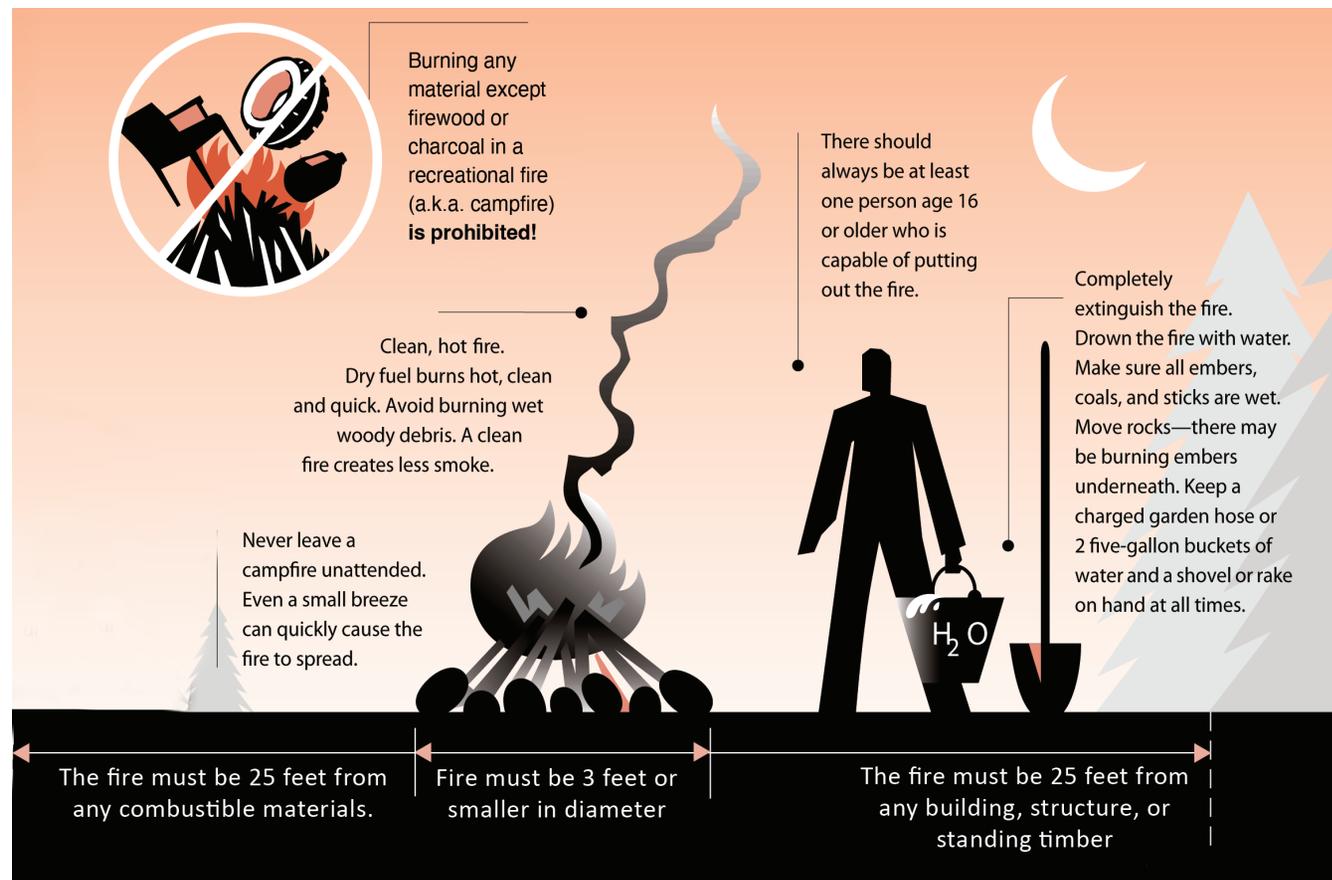
## Burn only clean, dry firewood or charcoal

- Dry fuels burn hot, cleanly, and completely.
- Choose good quality firewood such as fir, hemlock, cedar, maple, oak, and other hardwoods.
- Avoid 'soft' wood like cottonwood and any rotting logs.
- Avoid burning wet wood – moisture cools the fire and creates more smoke.

**You are Responsible for your Smoke!**  
*Creating 'nuisance smoke' is illegal and may result in fines.*

## Keep your fire small and HOT!

- A hot fire minimizes smoke.
- Place your firewood into the fire carefully to keep the base 'open' for good air flow – more air in the base means less smoke out the top.
- Don't overfeed the fire. Add wood one piece at a time to avoid 'choking' the fire.
- A small fire is easy to manage and keep safe.
- **Recreational fires (a.k.a. campfires) must be no more than 3-feet diameter and 2-feet high.**



## Be aware of your local wind and weather

Before lighting your fire, check where your smoke will go. If wind will carry smoke toward your neighbor, **don't light the fire!**

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## Trash burning is ILLEGAL

Burning trash of any kind is illegal **AT ALL TIMES** throughout the State of Washington. This includes any household trash, construction debris, and cardboard boxes. You may only burn paper as a fire-starting tool. **Note: BURN BARRELS are illegal in Washington!**