



City of Bremerton Outdoor Burning FAQs

What is a “no Burn Zone”?

An Urban Growth Area is a “No Burn Zone”. The entire City of Bremerton is considered a “No Burn Zone” and does not allow open burning at any time.

Only recreational fires are allowed in no burn zones. See our YouTube video for approved fire types and regulations in the City Limits of Bremerton

<https://youtu.be/fUUB6dPJqMM>

What is the difference between “open burning”, “recreational fires”, and “portable outdoor fireplaces”?

- Open burning is: clearing land, burning yard waste piles, bonfires, or anything that does not fall under a “recreational fire”.
- Recreational fires: are in designated fire pits, using charcoal or dry/seasoned firewood. (No milled lumber, scrap wood, pallets, yard waste, etc.)
- Portable outdoor fireplaces: are store bought/manufactured fire pits for use of recreational fires.

Is it legal to burn trash or recyclable items?

No. It is illegal to burn anything other than charcoal or dry/seasoned firewood in the City

When should I call 9-1-1?

Unattended burning * Unsafe outdoor burning * Uncontrolled fires

Who should I call with other complaints and concerns?

Call Puget Sound Clean Air Agency at (800) 552-3565 for:

- Indoor burning complaints
- Burning in the “no Burn Zone”
- Smoke complaints
- Burning of garbage
- Air quality burn ban questions
- Questions regarding the State’s Clean Air Laws



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OTHER THINGS TO KNOW

Attendance

Recreational fires and use of portable outdoor fireplaces shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating or other approved on-site fire-extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose or water truck, shall be available for immediate utilization.

Recreational Fires

Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 15 feet of a structure or combustible material. Fire pits shall not exceed 3 feet in diameter or extend higher than 2 feet tall.

Recreational fires must be in a designated fire pit using only charcoal or dry/seasoned firewood. (No milled lumber, scrap wood, pallets, etc.)

Types of recreational fires include:

Cooking, Campfires 3 feet or less, Pleasure, Ceremonial purposes.

Portable Outdoor Fireplaces

Recreational fires in portable outdoor fireplaces, such as a commercially purchased fire pit, shall not be conducted within 15 feet of a structure or combustible material.

Sky Lanterns

The use of sky lanterns is not permitted.

Weed Burners

The use of weed burners are discouraged. However, if used safely and properly, including having an extinguishing method readily available.