

OUTDOOR BURNING ALLOWED WITH RESTRICTIONS

EFFECTIVE NOON -- FRI. SEPT. 22, 2006

OUTDOOR BURNING OF NATURAL DEBRIS IS ALLOWED IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF ISLAND COUNTY – OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS -- under the following restrictions. (Burning is not allowed in some areas– see footnote¹.)

- **The burn pile must be LESS than 4 feet in diameter.** (Larger size pile requires permit – see boxed section.)
- **YOU MUST FIRST CALL 1-800-622-4627 x 4 BEFORE BURNING (NW CLEAN AIR AGENCY)**
- **Burn only natural vegetative materials**, such as tree limbs, leaves, etc. Burning of natural material that is not generated on the site, including driftwood, is prohibited.
- **Untreated lumber, in 3-ft. lengths or smaller, may be burned ONLY if used as FIREWOOD.**
- **Nuisance Smoke or Ash is prohibited.**
- **It is illegal to burn garbage or paper - except an amount of paper necessary to ignite the fire.**
- **The burn pile must be LESS than 4 feet in diameter,** as per local rules (ICC 14.03C.020 A).
- All fires must be built on bare soil away from dry grass or foliage, and may not be within 50 feet of any structure. A means to extinguish the fire and a responsible person must be present at all times while the fire is burning. Only one pile may be burned at a time. Burn only during daylight hours unless permitted by the Fire Warden (recreational cooking fires excepted from this latter restriction).
- Extinguish all fires when winds are in excess of 7-10mph or other conditions warrant.
- Because of this summer's dryness, some areas in the county may still have low moisture levels, despite recent rains. Use extreme caution when burning.
- **Fires in burn barrels are prohibited under State Law.**

WRITTEN PERMITS REQUIRED FOR OUTDOOR FIRES LARGER THAN 4-FT DIAMETER IN UNINCORPORATED ISLAND COUNTY

Exceptions

**No outdoor burning inside Oak Harbor and its UGA (Urban Growth Area)
As of Jan. 1 '07, no outdoor burning inside Langley or Coupeville or their UGAs**
(see footnote)

Permits are issued by Island County Fire Warden. Minimal fee -- \$20/Residential, \$50/Commercial – payable upon permit approval and site inspection.

Contact Island County Fire Warden, business days only, 8 am – 4:30 pm

Camano Island 629-4523 x7343
North and Central Whidbey 679-7343
South Whidbey 321-5111 x7343

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, over the past several months, successive Proclamations were issued, limiting outdoor burning because continued hot weather, dry atmospheric conditions and reduced fire-fighting resources placed public safety at risk; and WHEREAS, such adverse conditions are continuing to improve daily, with moisture levels increasing; now THEREFORE, in concurrence with the Fire Protection Districts of Whidbey and Camano Islands, and the WA Northwest Clean Air Agency, I, Sheriff Michael A. Hawley, in my capacity as Island County Fire Marshal, do hereby proclaim that **the Burn Ban (dated Aug. 28 '06) is lifted. Effective noon Sept. 22, 2006, Open Burning is allowed with the above restrictions, inside unincorporated areas of Island County unless excepted.**

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/s/SHERIFF MICHAEL A. HAWLEY
ISLAND COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL

¹ UGA—Urban Growth Areas – for more info, and maps...Co. Planning Dept., <http://www.islandcounty.net/planning> or at Camano Annex, 121 N. East Camano Dr., or at Co. Courthouse Annex, 1 NE 6th, Coupeville, or by phone, 679-7339 or 629-4523 X7339 or 321-5111 X7339. State Law permanently bans both residential and land-clearing burning inside Oak Harbor and its UGA; and, as of 01-01-07, inside Langley and Coupeville and their UGAs.