

Whatcom County Fire District 11  
**General Burning Permit**

This Permit applies to the following:

- Recreational Fires larger than 3 feet in diameter unless a Burn Ban has been issued.
- Residential Fires up to 10 feet in diameter when Fire Danger Rating is at **LOW**.
- Residential Fires up to 4 feet in diameter when Fire Danger Rating is at **MODERATE** or **HIGH**.

Recreational Fires consist only of charcoal or firewood and are used for cooking or pleasure.

Residential Fires are used for the disposal of natural vegetation produced by property maintenance and consist only of natural vegetation such as leaves, clippings, prunings and other yard and garden debris.

**General Conditions**

- Obtain the current Fire Danger Rating levels and Department of Ecology Burn Ban Information.
  - Smokey signs at Ferry Dock, and Scenic Estates
  - [www.lummiislandfire.com](http://www.lummiislandfire.com), [www.nwcleanair.org](http://www.nwcleanair.org)
  - Call 360-758-2411
- Only one pile at a time may be burned.
- No burning when winds are greater than 10 MPH.
- Fire must not produce smoke, odor or ash that unreasonably impacts neighboring properties.
- The landowner's permission must be obtained if not on your property.
- Fire must be in attendance at all times by one person age 16 or older capable of extinguishing the fire and have the ability to call 9-1-1.
- Minimum distance from structures: 5 times the pile diameter.
- Minimum distance shrubs or trees: 3 times the pile diameter.
- Minimum Fire Break (Bare Ground) 1½ times the pile diameter surrounding the entire pile.
- Complete clear area above the fire.
- A rake or shovel on site.
- Water requirements: Charged garden hose or 10 gallons of water and a bucket at the ready.

**Burn Bans**

- TOTAL Burn Ban: No outdoor burning, charcoal and propane only
- Burn Ban: Recreational fires up to 2 feet in diameter only.
- Air Pollution Episode: Set by Northwest Clean Air Agency
- Impaired Air Quality: Set by Northwest Clean Air Agency

Prohibited materials: Garbage, petroleum products, paints, plastics, rubber, paper (other than necessary to start the fire), cardboard, treated wood, construction/demolition debris, metal, or any substance (other than natural vegetation) that normally releases toxic emissions, dense smoke, or obnoxious odors when burned.

Burn Barrels are illegal.

A fire protection authority called to respond to, control, or extinguish an illegal or out-of-control fire may charge, and recover from the person responsible for the fire, the costs of its response and control action.