

### 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 Bans

**TOTAL Burn Ban:** All outdoor burning prohibited. Charcoal and Propane only.

**Burn Ban:** Recreational fires no larger than 2 feet in diameter.

Air Pollution Episode: [www.nwcleanair.org](http://www.nwcleanair.org)  
Impaired Air Quality: [www.nwcleanair.org](http://www.nwcleanair.org)



Make sure your fire is DEAD out!

### State and Local Authority

- WAC 173-425 Outdoor Burning
- RCW 70.94 Washington Clean Air Act
- Whatcom County Code Chapter 2.04
- WCFD #11 Resolution # 2011-206

If the fire department is called to respond to, control, or extinguish an illegal or out-of-control fire they have the authority to charge, and recover from the person responsible for the fire, the costs of its response and control action.

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## OUTDOOR BURNING REGULATIONS FOR LUMMI ISLAND

# LUMMI ISLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Whatcom County Fire District 11

## Outdoor Burning Regulations and Information for Lummi Island

Recreational



Residential



Land Clearing



### *Only YOU Can Prevent Fires*



3809 Legoe Bay Rd. / PO Box 130  
Lummi Island, WA 98262  
Ph. 360-758-2411 Fax: 360-758-2041

## Types of Fires

Recreational Fires: Recreational fires consist only of charcoal or firewood and are used for cooking or pleasure. Recreational fires less than 3 feet in diameter do not require a permit if the listed minimum conditions are met with the following changes:

- ▶ The fire must be in an enclosure constructed of concrete, stones or steel.
- ▶ A 2 foot firebreak (bare ground or short green grass) must surround the enclosure.
- ▶ A clear area must exist for 15 feet above the fire.

Residential: 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.

Land Clearing: Land clearing fires consist of natural vegetation generated from land clearing projects.

## Types of Permits

### General:

- ▶ Available at The Islander Store located at 2106 South Nugent Road 98262 during normal business hours. No charge.
- ▶ Download at [www.lummiislandfire.com](http://www.lummiislandfire.com)

### Written:

- ▶ Call 360-758-2411 to schedule a time to obtain a written permit.
- ▶ Cost: \$25.00 for 3 months
- ▶ \$50.00 for calendar year.
- ▶ All written permits expire December 31 of the year issued.

## When do I need a Permit?

Recreational fires larger than 3 feet in diameter.  
Residential and Land Clearing fires.

## What type of permit do I need?

Land Clearing: Written

Recreational and Residential: Permit requirements change with Fire Danger Rating Levels, see below.

## **FIRE DANGER RATING LEVELS**

Fire Danger Rating levels can be found at:

- ▶ Signs at Library, and Scenic Estates
- ▶ Call 360-758-2411

### **LOW**

Over 10 feet > Written; Less than 10 feet > General.

### **MODERATE**

Over 4 feet > Written; Less than 4 feet > General.

### **HIGH**

Written Permits Postponed; Less than 4 feet > General.

### **VERY HIGH**

#### **Burn Ban:**

All Permits Postponed.

Recreational fires no larger than 2 feet in diameter only.

Beach fires must be below the most recent high tide level.

### **EXTREME**

#### **TOTAL Burn Ban:**

No Outdoor Burning  
(Charcoal and Propane only).

## Minimum Conditions:

- ▶ Only one pile at a time may be burned. (Extinguish each pile before lighting another)
- ▶ No burning when winds are greater than 10 MPH.
- ▶ At least 5 times the pile diameter from structures
- ▶ At least 2 times the pile diameter from shrubs or trees
- ▶ Firebreak (bare ground or short green grass) at least 1 1/2 times the pile diameter around the pile
- ▶ Completely clear area above the fire
- ▶ Natural vegetation and firewood only. (If it was processed by man, it cannot be burned)
- ▶ NO Construction and demolition debris. (This includes untreated lumber.)
- ▶ The fire must be in attendance at all times by one person age 16 or older capable of extinguishing the fire and be able to call 9-1-1
- ▶ Shovel or rake on site
- ▶ Charged garden hose or 10 gallons of water and a bucket at the ready.
- ▶ The 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.
- ▶ Beach fires must not be in or around driftwood.
- ▶ No burning during an air pollution episode or any stage of impaired air quality as set by Northwest Air Pollution Authority.
- ▶ The use of burn barrels is prohibited statewide.