



Fire Prevention and Investigation
CHELAN COUNTY
STATE OF WASHINGTON

Firewise Information

Campfire & Outdoor Burning

What is a compliant Campfire in Chelan County?

- Defined as an outdoor fire burning area for recreational fires
- Only natural wood materials other than rubbish can be burned
- You must have ALL combustible materials removed down to mineral soil
- You must have a containment area of Rock, Metal, Concrete or any other non-combustible material
- Shall not be more than 36 inches in diameter
- All combustible materials 1 1/2ft surrounding the fire must be removed
- Fuel for the campfire must not extend above the edge of the campfire containment area
- Campfires must always be attended to by at least 1 person
- You must maintain means to extinguish the fire entirely

Failure to adhere to these rules may result in extinguishment by fire personnel and citation by law enforcement.

Fireworks

Please remember the discharge of Fireworks is prohibited in Chelan County (This includes snakes and sparklers).

Chelan County Code Chapter 7.44 Resolution 2016-59.
(<https://www.codepublishing.com/WA/ChelanCounty/>)

Please read the resolution regarding fireworks in chelan county for more information.

Washington State Guidelines

It is prohibited in Washington State to burn the following materials:

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



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Chelan County Guidelines

Between October 1st and May 31, Open Burning is usually allowed

- Burn piles must be attended at all times
- You must have means to extinguish on site
- Burn piles may not be larger than 4ft x 4ft.

Call Department of Ecology to confirm the day you wish to burn, is a burn day #1-800-406-5322, recording prompts #1 and #2.

- Fires must be extinguished by dusk.
- Land Clearing burns must have special permission from the Department of Ecology, obtain a permit at #509-575-2490 or visit <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Permits-certifications/Air-Quality-permits/Burn-permits>

Outdoor Burning Restrictions in effect from June 1st to October 1st

- Burning yard waste, such as leaves, grass, brush, and other yard trimmings are prohibited.
- Burning to clear land of trees, stumps, shrubbery, or other natural vegetation is prohibited.
- Residents may still have campfires so long as the fire is an approved pit or area.
- Restricted open flame devices, meaning using devices liable to start a fire in moderate fire hazard areas.
- Portable fireplaces are allowed so long as they're on noncombustible surfaces and burn only natural wood products.
- Moderate travel restrictions are also in effect, meaning motorists can't operate vehicles off the roadway.
- Campfires in compliant pits may be allowed during this time, check for current restrictions before burning.
- Portable propane campfires are usually allowed under these restrictions but can still be dangerous depending on conditions.
- During a burn ban, fire danger is increased and burning brush, needles or yard waste is not allowed and will be extinguished.



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Fire Safety Information

Activity	Restriction Level			
	Moderate	High	Very High	Extreme
Commercial BBQ's (Gas/Charcoal)				
Fires in BBQ, Outdoor fireplace, or grill			X	X
Liquid or gas fueled camp stoves, lanterns, BBQ's			X	X
Recreational residential campfires in approved campfire area		X	X	X
Portable fireplace/pit/chiminea on noncombustible surface		X	X	X
Other outdoor fires	X	X	X	X
Operation of any motor vehicles off the roadway	X	X	X	X
Fireworks*	X	X	X	X

X=PROHIBITED at this restriction level.

*Per CCC 7.44.055, fireworks may only be discharged between 6:00PM on New Year's Eve and 1:00 on New Year's Day. They are prohibited at all other times of year

CAMPFIRE SAFETY

LEARN
Check local offices, bulletin boards, websites and visitor centers for current fire restrictions.

DROWN STIR
Drown the campfire ashes with lots of water. Don't take chances—use a lot! Stir the remains, add more water and stir again. Be sure all burned material has been put out cold.

FEEL
Feel materials with your bare hand. If it is hot to touch, it's too hot to leave!

Information Resources
Chelan County Emergency Management https://www.co.chelan.wa.us/emergency-management www.facebook.com/CCSOEM and, https://twitter.com/chelancountyem?lang=en
U.S. Forest Service Fire Information https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/
Northwest Interagency Coordination Center Fire Information - https://gacc.nifc.gov/nwcc/
Radio Stations KOHO 101.1FM, KPQ 560AM, The Quake 102.1FM
Ready, Set, Go! Wildland Fire Preparedness - www.wildlandfires.org
Ready, Set, Go! For pets - www.wenatcheehumane.org/wildfire-disaster-planning
Air Quality Information - https://ecology.wa.gov/Research-Data/Monitoring-assessment/Air-Quality-Index
Washington State Department of Natural Resources - https://www.dnr.wa.gov/ - https://twitter.com/waDNR_fire