

# Outdoor Burning Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What types of Fires are allowed in Tukwila?

A: Only “**Recreational Fires**” are allowed during times when [Puget Sound Clean Air Agency](#) does not have a burn ban in effect.

Q: What is a “**Recreational Fire**”?

A: As defined by WAC 173-425-030: “**Recreational Fire**” means cooking fires, campfires, and bonfires using charcoal or firewood that occur in designated areas or on private property for cooking, pleasure, or ceremonial purposes. Fires used for debris disposal purposes are not considered recreational fires.

Q: Are there rules for having a “**Recreational Fire**”?

A: “**Recreational Fires**” must comply with the following:

- Fire must be no larger than (3) three feet in diameter and no more than (2) two feet in height
- Shall not be within 25 feet of a structure or any combustible material(s).
- Fire must be constantly attended and supervised by a person knowledgeable in the use of extinguishing tools like shovels, garden hoses, or a fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating on site and available for immediate use.
- Basically, seasoned firewood or bare untreated, processed wood (ideally with a moisture content less than 20 percent by weight) and charcoal briquettes.
- Be a good neighbor. If smoke from your fire bothers your neighbors, damages their property or otherwise causes a nuisance, you must immediately put it out.

Q: Do I need a permit for a “**Recreational Fire**”?

A: Permit is not required for a “**Recreational Fire**”.

Q: What can't I burn?

A: Recently downed wood, trash, brush, yard debris or treated dimensional lumber is not allowed for the use of “Recreational Fires”.

Q: What about Open Burning or Land Clearing fires?

A: Open Burning and Land Clearing fires are prohibited at all times within the City of Tukwila.

Q: How do I find out if there is a burn ban in effect?

A: Puget Sound Clean Air Agency regulates burn bans. You can check on the current [Puget Sound Clean Air Agency](#) website or call the PSCAA Burn Ban Info Line at 1-800-595-4341.