



# Cowlitz County

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## News Release

### Seasonal Burn Ban

**October 1, 2024**

Effective Monday October 1, 2024, the seasonal outdoor burn ban, which typically is enacted from July 15<sup>th</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup> each year, is rescinded. All land clearing, residential and silvicultural burning may resume within the unincorporated areas of the county in accordance with Cowlitz County Code. Prior to burning, please obtain an outdoor burn permit. This permit is free and available from the office of the Fire Marshal at 207 Fourth Ave. North, Kelso, or on the County website. Please follow the instructions provided with the permit.

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Recreational campfires are allowed if built in improved fire pits in designated campgrounds, such as those typically found in local, county, and state parks and in commercial campgrounds. On private land, recreational fires are permitted with the landowner's permission if built in the following approved manner:

- In a metal, stone or masonry lined fire pit such as those seen in approved campgrounds.
- Size may not exceed 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet in height.
- Fires must be at least 25 feet from a structure or other combustible material and overhead fuels such as tree limbs, patio covers or carports.
- Portable outdoor or patio fireplaces should not be used within 15 feet of a structure or combustible material. Follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Fires must be attended at all times by a responsible person at least 16-years old with the ability and tools to extinguish the fire, such as a shovel and either five gallons of water or a connected and charged water hose.

Please remember - remain in attendance of fire for duration of all burning and completely extinguish upon conclusion.

For more information, please contact the Cowlitz County Fire Marshal's Office at (360) 577-3052 or visit the County's website at [www.co.cowlitz.wa.us](http://www.co.cowlitz.wa.us).

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