



## MFD Outdoor Burning Reference Sheet

**If the citizen lives within Marysville or Arlington's Urban Growth Area (UGA), the following guide lines apply:**

- Recreational and cooking preparation fires are allowed, but
  1. Recreational fires must be less than 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet in height.
  2. Only charcoal, dried firewood or manufactured fire logs can be used.
  3. The fire must be at least 25 feet from a structure. (see exceptions below)
  4. There must be a garden hose and shovel near by the fire.
  5. An attendee shall be present at all times.
  6. If any emission from the fire is detrimental to the health, safety, or welfare of any person, if it causes damage to property or business, or if it causes a nuisance, the fire must be extinguished immediately.

**RECREATIONAL FIRE:** An outdoor fire burning materials other than rubbish where the fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, barbeque grill or barbeque pit and has a total fuel area of 3 feet (914 mm) or less in diameter and 2 feet (610 mm) or less in height for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth or similar purposes.

### **Exceptions:**

1. Fires in approved containers that are not less than 15 feet (4572 mm) from a structure.
2. The minimum required distance from a structure shall be 25 feet (7620 mm) where the pile size is 3 feet (914 mm) or less in diameter and 2 feet (610 mm) or less in height.

**Note: Recreational and food preparation fires are allowed throughout Marysville Fire District.**

**Effective July 1, 2008-All land clearing burning is prohibited. MFD will continue to permit residential outdoor burning (land-clean-up) outside of the UGA.**

**If the citizen lives outside of the Urban Growth Area, the following guide lines apply:**

- Residential burning (land-clean-up) is allowed, but
  1. The resident must have a copy of the MFD burning rules onsite and comply with the rules. The rules may be obtained from MFD with no fee involved.
  2. Only one pile may be burned at one time.
  3. The fire must be less than 5 feet in diameter and 5 feet in height. If the citizen wants to burn more or larger, suggest feeding the pile.
  4. The fire may contain only natural vegetation grown on that property.
  5. The fire must be at least 50 feet from all structures.
  6. There must be a garden hose and shovel near by the fire.
  7. An attendee shall be present at all times.
  8. The fire must be out at dusk.
  9. If any emission from the fire is detrimental to the health, safety, or welfare of any person or it causes damage to property or business, or it causes a nuisance, or an outdoor burning ban is imposed, then the fire must be extinguished immediately.

**OPEN BURNING.** The burning of materials wherein products of combustion are emitted directly into the ambient air without passing through a stack or chimney from an enclosed chamber. Open burning does not include road flares, smudgepots and similar devices associated with safety or occupational uses typically considered open flames or recreational fires. For the purpose of this definition, a chamber shall be regarded as enclosed when, during the time combustion occurs, only apertures, ducts, stacks, flues or chimneys necessary to provide combustion air and permit the escape of exhaust gas are open.

### **307.5 Attendance.**

Open burning, bonfires or recreational fires shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher complying with [Section 906](#) with a minimum 4-A rating or other approved on-site fire-extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose or water truck, shall be available for immediate utilization.

**If the citizen lives within the boundaries of the Tulalip Reservation, then refer him/her to the Tulalip Tribes at (360) 651-4014.**

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PSCA Enforcement/Complaint Hotline: 1-800-552-3565**