



News Release

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Spokane County Issues Burn Restrictions for Unincorporated Areas beginning Wednesday, July 24th

SPOKANE COUNTY, July 22, 2019 – The elevated fire potential has prompted the Spokane County Fire Code Official to issue burn restrictions for the unincorporated areas, beginning on Wednesday, July 24, 2019. This means that unauthorized open burning and specified outdoor recreational fires (campfires, fire bowls and fire pits) is prohibited in the unincorporated areas of Spokane County until further notice. Any person(s) responsible for open burning could be charged with a misdemeanor and could be fined up to \$1,000 or go to prison for up to 90 days – or both.

Citizens may still use manufactured portable outdoor fireplaces, barbecues, outdoor fireplaces, patio/deck warmers – if the appliance is equipped with a spark arrestor and a chimney. In addition, only approved fuels may be used: seasoned (clean and dry) firewood, briquettes, natural or propane gas.

Spokane County Building and Planning Director, John Pederson stated, “Burn restrictions are an important function for keeping our County safe during the dry summer months. These restrictions are taken seriously and are initiated in consultation with local fire districts. Before issuing, there is a lot taken into consideration, including weather forecast and fire fuel conditions”

For additional information, or questions please contact Spokane County Building and Planning by calling: (509) 477-3675, or by visiting our website:

<http://www.spokanecounty.org/247/Building-Planning>.

Municipalities within Spokane County have made or are expected to make separate announcements about restricted burning.

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