# Did you know?

In Washington State

- It is ILLEGAL to use a burn barrel. The barrel limits the amount of oxygen to the fire, which causes incomplete combustion and an excessive amount of smoke.
- It is ILLEGAL to burn construction or demolition debris, petroleum and plastic products, rubber products including tires, paints, garbage, and dead animals.
- It is ILLEGAL for smoke to impact your neighbors. If they complain you must put out your fire and you may be fined.



## Franklin County Residents' Burn Line: (509) 545-3586

Toll-free Air Quality and Smoke Complaint Line: 1-866-211-6284

#### Agricultural/Commercial Burn Info.

Franklin Conservation District: (509) 416-0440 www.franklincd.org/agBurn.aspx

WA State Ecology: 1-800-406-5322

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## There are two types of burning allowed in Franklin County, Recreational and Tumbleweeds.



## RECREATIONAL

- Recreational fires are limited to burning dry, seasoned wood or charcoal briquettes for the purpose of cooking, pleasure, or religious ceremonies.
- No garbage, dead animals, asphalt, petroleum products, paints, rubber products, tires, plastic, paper products, plywood, finished lumber, or particleboard may be burned.
- Burning residential yard waste in a recreational pit is prohibited. This includes grass clippings, leaves, needles, and brush.
- No recreational fires shall be allowed during any stage of an air pollution episode or impaired air quality.

#### LOCATION

- Recreational fires must be 25 feet away from any structure.
- Recreational fire pits shall be located a minimum of 10 feet from adjoining property lines, fences, or docks. No overhead branches.

Recreational burning does NOT require you to call the fire department. However if further clarification is needed feel free call the fire department where you live.

#### CONSTRUCTION

- Recreational fire pits shall be constructed of concrete, stone, or approved noncombustible material.
- The bottom of the pit may be sand or mineral earth.
- The recreational fire pit shall not exceed three feet in diameter. The depth of the pit shall be a minimum of four inches and capable of containing all burned material. No limbs or brush should extend beyond the pit area.

#### MAINTENANCE

- Recreational fire pits shall be maintained in good condition at all times.
- Fire extinguishing equipment such as buckets, shovels, or garden hoses shall be readily available for use at recreational fires.

#### ATTENDANCE

• Recreational fire pits shall be constantly attended by a person knowledgeable in the use of fire extinguishing equipment required by this section. An attendant shall supervise a recreational fire until such fire has been completely extinguished.

## **TUMBLEWEEDS**

Tumbleweeds that have been blown on to your property (not growing) can be burned at any time during an approved burn day. However, ONLY the tumbleweeds can be burned.

## FYI

#### Connell, Kahlotus, Mesa, Pasco are considered Urban Growth Areas (UGA).

**Inside the UGA:** Recreational fires smaller than 3'x2' are allowed at any time and do not require a permit unless it is a "No Burn Day".

**Outside the UGA:** Recreational fires are allowed at any time and do not require a permit.

