

OUTDOOR BURNING INFORMATION



We continue to field many calls from you regarding Outdoor Burning. On May 1, 2009, residential yard and garden debris burning was banned as a result of rules established by Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency. The weekend open burning dates that we are accustomed to will no longer occur.

This ban does not affect burning of natural vegetative material generated on acreage if you live outside the city limits of Deer Park or any Urban Growth Areas, and are subject to the DNR Forest

Protection Tax. To determine if you may qualify for burning forest debris under the Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR) permit or rule burn program contact the DNR at (509) 685-6900, or contact Spokane Clean Air 509-477-4727 to determine air quality status.

Here are some additional factors that may affect your ability to conduct outdoor burning:

- Spokane Clean Air and the Washington State Department of Ecology may issue bans on outdoor burning based on air quality.
- Local fire protection agencies and local county officials may impose a burn ban based on local conditions and fire hazards.
- Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR) may issue burn bans on state lands and on unimproved private property based on time of year and fire danger ratings.

Another option to consider is the Spring "Chipping and Composting" event Fire District 4 hosts in cooperation with other local agencies. The next event will be held Saturday, April 10, 2010, between 9am and 2:30pm at Fire District 4, Station 49, located at the Northeast corner of HWY 395 and East Monroe Road.

We understand the confusion surrounding the Outdoor Burning issue. We hope that this short explanation has helped reduce some of the confusion. As always, Fire District 4 will continue to work with our citizens to help answer your questions anytime.

