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King County Fire Chief's Terminate Stage 2 Burn Ban

KING COUNTY, Wash. – Effectively August 31, 2023, at 1200hrs (noon), the King County Fire Chief's Association and the King County Fire Marshals are terminating the Stage 2 (Complete) Burn Ban. This will allow burning of small recreational fires to resume as described below. Check with your local jurisdiction for additional information.

Recent cooler weather, increased humidity, and anticipated precipitation have allowed wildland fuels to recover moisture, and the local wildland fire danger has reduced to a level where it is safe to resume small recreational fires. The Stage I Burn Ban (restrictions), issued in July which cover all other outdoor burning, will remain in effect until further notice

The King County Fire Chiefs, Fire Marshals and local jurisdictions encourage all residents to know your local requirements for outdoor burning and maintain a fire safe environment. If you have any questions, please contact your local Fire Department.

Approved Recreational Burn Requirements: **note some jurisdictions require burning permits.*

1. Fires Shall: Be kindled with seasoned and dry firewood.
2. Be built in a metal or concrete fire pit, such as those typically found in designated campgrounds; and not be used as debris disposal.
3. Grow no larger than three feet in diameter.
4. Be in a clear spot free from any vegetation for at least 10 feet in a horizontal direction, including at least 25 feet away from any structure and allow 20-foot vertical clearance from overhanging branches.
5. Be in attendance at all times by an alert individual and equipment capable of extinguishing the fire with a shovel and a 5-gallon bucket of water or with a connected and charged water hose.
6. Be completely extinguished by pouring water or moist soil in them and stirring with a shovel until all parts are cool to the touch.
7. No burning when winds exceed 15 MPH.

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