



EAST JEFFERSON FIRE RESCUE

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Land Clearing Burn Ban, Establishment of Fire Risk – Burn Level Restriction Guidelines 2022 Fire Season

The Fire Chiefs of East Jefferson County, have called for a county-wide ban on outdoor burning other than recreational fires, in the best interest, and safety of the public, fire fighters, and first responders. A countywide burn ban limiting all **Land Clearing** burns will begin July 1st and continue through September 30, 2022 or until further notice. The ban was recommended by the Jefferson County Board of Fire Chiefs, the Jefferson County Fire Marshal, and the Board of County Commissioners and established under Jefferson County Resolution No. 30-05. The burn ban does not apply to recreational fires at this time.

The establishment of the “**Fire Risk Guideline**” promotes a color coded guide to current fire risk level information. This guide establishes what type of burning, if any, is allowed based on the current atmospheric and field conditions.

If the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) issues guidance banning recreational fires on all forest lands a **High** fire risk **Yellow Level 3** will be declared. Restrictions associated with a High fire risk Yellow Level 3 include: Recreational fires (beach fires, bonfires, or the use of portable outdoor fire places,) briquettes or charcoal associated with BBQ’s, tiki torches and/or any liquid fueled appliance used for light or to detract bugs. It is unlawful for any person to sell, transfer, discharge, ignite or explode any fireworks, display fireworks, special effects or fire arms within unincorporated Jefferson County when High fire risk is declared. These burning activities may also be banned in the event air stagnation conditions exists, as determined by the Washington State Department of Ecology, the Olympic Region Clean Air Authority and/or the Department of Natural Resources.

Requirements for recreational fires are defined by the International Fire Code (2018 IFC - Section 307) and the Washington State Administrative code (173-425-050). A recreational fire is defined as outdoor fire burning materials other than rubbish where the fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fire place, portable outdoor fire place, barbeque grill or barbeque pit and has a total fuel area of 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth or similar purpose. **Fires used for debris or rubbish disposal are not considered recreational fires and are illegal.**

For more information about fire danger in Jefferson County, please contact East Jefferson Fire Rescue -at 360.385.2626, or go to East Jefferson Fire Rescue’s web site at www.ejfr.org. Additional information may be available from the Washington State Department of Natural Resources or your local Fire Department.

Please be safe and remember to completely extinguish all fires, cold to the touch.

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Jefferson County WA - Fire Risk – Burn Level – Allowed – Restricted Guidelines

FIRE RISK	LEVEL	ALLOWED	RESTRICTIONS
OTHER (Grey)	0		OPEN
LOW (Green)	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Clearing / Yard Debris • Wood Fires (Recreational) • Wood or Solid Fueled Cooking Fire – To Include: Charcoal Barbeque Grills, Smokers • Gas or Propane Fueled Appliances • Tiki Torches • Liquid Fuel Candles or Lanterns • Discharge of Fireworks (Check your Local Ordinances) • Discharge of Firearms (Open Lands) 	<p>Jefferson County Land Clearing / Yard Debris Fires Burn Ban July 1 – Sept 30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UGA Land Clearing / Yard Debris
MODERATE (Blue)	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Clearing / Yard Debris • Wood Fires (Recreational) • Wood or Solid Fueled Cooking Fires • Gas or Propane Fueled Appliances • Tiki Torches • Liquid Fuel Candles or Lanterns • Discharge of Fireworks (Check with your Local ordinance) • Discharge of Firearms (Open Lands) 	<p>FIRE ADVISORY Land Clearing / Yard Debris Fires Burn Ban July 1 – Sept 30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UGA Land Clearing / Yard Debris • Possible additional Restrictions
HIGH (Yellow)	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gas or Propane Fueled Appliances • Wood or Solid Fueled Cooking Fire (Enclosed Flame Only) 	<p>FIRE ADVISORY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Clearing / Yard Debris Fires • Wood Fires - Recreational • Wood, Charcoal Cooking Fires (BBQ) • Tiki Torches • Liquid Fuel Candles or Lanterns • Discharge of Fireworks of Any Type • Discharge of Firearms (Open Lands)
VERY HIGH (Orange)	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gas or Propane Fueled Appliances ONLY 	<p>FIRE RESTRICTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Outdoor Burning or Discharge
EXTREME (Red)	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLOSED 	<p>CLOSED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Outdoor Fire, Burning, or Discharge of Any kind or Type