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## **Outdoor Burning Ban Announced for July 7, 2017**

**Lake Stevens, Snohomish County-** Due to high fire danger and forecasted hot and dry weather conditions, the Snohomish County Fire Marshal has announced an outdoor burning ban for the unincorporated areas of Snohomish County that will go into effect **Friday, July 7th, 2017 at 8 a.m.**

This restriction bans outdoor burning, except for recreational fires. Recreational fires are less than three (3) feet in diameter and two (2) feet high and are for cooking and pleasure only. Recreational fires must be contained within a fire pit that has been cleared of all combustible material within a 10 foot radius, must be monitored at all times, and must have a water source readily available (at a minimum, a charged water hose or a five-gallon bucket of water).

This burn ban will be in effect until further notice. Residential outdoor burning is always unlawful within the city limits of Lake Stevens and the Urban Growth Area (UGA).

All outdoor burn permits, including permits issued by Lake Stevens Fire and PSCAA (Puget Sound Clean Air Agency) for agricultural burning, are suspended until this ban is lifted. This ban will remain in effect until there is a sustained period of rainfall and the fire risk returns to low.

With the continuing dry weather conditions, Lake Stevens Fire recommends using extreme caution and consideration before starting a recreational fire. Please call the Snohomish County Outdoor Burning Information Hotline at (425) 388-3508 for updated information.

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