



MONTESANO FIRE DEPARTMENT

310 E Pioneer Ave. Montesano, WA 98563

Open Burning Regulations

DO (LEGAL)

- It is only legal to burn dry leaves, clippings, pruning, and other yard and garden refuse.
- It is only legal to burn during daylight hours (dawn to dusk)
- The burn pile must be less than 4 feet long, 4 feet wide and less than 3 feet high.
- The burn site must be 50 feet from any structures
- You must have a shovel and a supply of water on sight at all times. A minimum 5-gallon pail of water or a charged garden hose is required.
- You may burn only one pile at a time.
- All open burning must be constantly attended by a competent adult capable of extinguishing the fire should the need arise.
- Burning is only allowed at the location specified on the permit.
- The permit holder shall contact the Montesano Fire Department at 249-4851 for updated burning conditions and to inform the department of the burn location prior to lighting the fire.
- The permit must be on site and in the possession of the person conducting the burning.

DON'T (ILLEGAL)

- Burn Barrels are illegal
- It is illegal to burn household trash (paper, cardboard, etc) or raw garbage
- It is illegal to burn dead animals, asphalt products, petroleum products, paints, rubber, plastic or any other substance that when burned releases toxic emissions, dense smoke or offensive odors.
- It is illegal to burn construction debris (treated wood, processed wood, or any metal products)
- It is illegal to burn within 50 feet of any structure or within 500 feet of forest slash
- It's illegal to leave your fire unattended at any time or for any reason.
- It is illegal to burn during unsafe conditions, such as high winds; high temperatures and when burning bans are in effect. Contact your Fire Department prior to igniting any fire.

PLEASE NOTE

1. The permitted assumes all liabilities if the fire escapes, causes damage or loss to any person or property.
2. The Montesano Fire Department has authority to require the fire to be extinguished at any time for cause or adverse weather conditions.
3. Failure to comply with any of these regulations is subject to the penalty provisions under WAC 173-425, and denial of any further burning permits for outdoor burning. The Olympic Region Clean Air Agency also may issue citations with fines of up to \$10,000 per day for illegal burning.
4. For further information please contact:

Montesano Fire Department 249-4851