

Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue

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ORCAA LAND CLEARING AND BURNING PERMIT GUIDELINES

1.0 Reference

RCW 70.94
WAC 173-425

2.0 Standard Definitions

LAND CLEARING BURNING - means outdoor burning of trees, stumps, shrubbery or other natural vegetation from land clearing projects (i.e. projects that clear land surface so it can be developed, used for a different purpose, or left unused). Land clearing burning requires a permit.

RESIDENTIAL BURNING - means the outdoor burning of leaves, clippings, pruning and other yard and garden refuse originated on lands immediately adjacent to and in close proximity of a human dwelling and burned on such lands by the property owner or his or her designee. Only one residential burning pile under 6X6X6 feet is allowed at any one time and requires a PLFR issued residential burn permit.

RECREATIONAL FIRE - means cooking fires, campfires, and bonfires three (3) feet or less in diameter using charcoal or seasoned firewood that are in designated areas or on private property for cooking, pleasure or ceremonial purposes. Recreational fires do not require a permit.

3.0 GUIDELINE

3.1 CONDITIONS FOR LAND CLEARING AND RESIDENTIAL BURNING

3.1.1 No land clearing or residential burning July 1 through September 30th in accordance with Jefferson County Resolution # 42-05. IF the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) declares a MODERATE or HIGH fire danger index, a burn ban may be declared for dates other than the July 1st through September 30th dates.

3.1.2 No burning in wind over 5 mph or on Foggy days.

- 3.1.3 The burn pile must not be within fifty (50) feet of standing timber, and be a minimum of five hundred (500) feet from any forest slash.
- 3.1.4 The burn pile is not permitted within one hundred (100) feet of any structure or one hundred fifty (150) feet from a wood shake roof.
- 3.1.5 A responsible person shall remain with the fire until the fire is extinguished.
- 3.1.6 If the fire creates a nuisance from smoke or from flying ash, it must be extinguished

3.2 RESIDENTIAL BURNING GUIDELINES – PLFR RESIDENTIAL BURN PERMIT REQUIRED

- 3.2.1 Only natural vegetation may be burned, no processed wood or debris of any kind.
- 3.2.2 Only one (1) residential burn pile 6x6x6 feet or smaller is allowed at any time. Larger piles are considered Land Clearing and require a permit. See Land Clearing section of this guideline.
- 3.2.3 Burning is allowed from 8:00am to 4:00pm; do not add any fuel to the fire after 3:00pm
- 3.2.4 A shovel and connected water hose shall be on site and immediately available.
- 3.2.5 Use of Metal burn barrels is NOT permitted

3.3 LAND CLEARING BURNING GUIDELINES – PERMIT REQUIRED

- 3.3.1 Land clearing permits apply to piles of natural vegetation bigger than 6x6x6 feet and no larger than 25x25x15 feet. Only one pile shall be allowed to be burned at any time.
- 3.3.2 Land Clearing Permits that are within the boundaries of Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue can be obtained at:
 - Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue - Administration
 - 7650 Oak Bay Rd.
 - Port Ludlow, WA 98365
 - 360.437.2235
 - (Monday through Friday 8:00a-12:00p, 1:00p-4:30p, excluding holidays).
 - a. A site inspection must be scheduled prior to any burning whatsoever. An inspection can be scheduled by call 360.437.2236. It is suggested that the site be inspected at least 1-2 days in advance to ensure that an inspection can be conducted prior to any burning.

- b. Permits are issued for 30 calendar days at a cost of \$100 with any site specific regulations established during the site inspection. A new permit will be required for burning beyond the thirty (30) day limit.
- c. At all times during burning the approved permit must be on site and available for inspection by a PLFR Inspector.
- d. See Appendix A – Burn Permit Application

3.3.3 Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue must be notified at the start of every day of burning by calling 360.437.2236 with your permit number and owner's name, contact number and burn pile size.

3.4 BURN PILE SIZE 6'x6'x6' up to 15'x15'x10'

3.4.1 Requirements

- a. Provide a minimum of one (1) watch person in attendance at the burn pile site while burning is in progress. The fire shall not be left unattended until it is extinguished and cold to the touch.
- b. Two (2) shovels that can be used to extinguish flying brands.
- c. Must have a viable water source: Charged garden hose, or a portable water source of at least three hundred (300) gallons of water capable of being pressurized into a hose line. With any water source utilized, the hose line that supports it must have the ability to reach around the entire pile.
- d. Have a tractor available, with at minimum, a front loader bucket in order to be able to knock down the pile.

3.5 BURN PILE SIZE 15'x15'x10' up to 25'x25'x15'

3.5.1 Requirements

- a. Provide a minimum of one (1) watch person in attendance at the burn pile site while burning is in progress. The fire shall not be left unattended until it is extinguished and cold to the touch.
- b. Two (2) shovels that can be used to extinguish flying brands.
- c. Must have a water truck/trailer/hydrant with at least five hundred (500) gallon capability.
- d. Have an excavator on site.

3.6 PERMIT REVOCATION

This permit may be cancelled and/or the fire extinguished by this fire district when deemed to be a nuisance and/or necessary for the protection of life or property, pursuant to RCW 52.12.104. The permitted agrees to furnish sufficient personnel and equipment at his/her own expense to suppress the fire if it escapes for any reason and pay this Fire District, or other approved firefighting agencies, for all reasonable expenses incurred in such suppression, pursuant to RCW 52.12.108.

3.7 PROHIBITED OUTDOOR FIRES/FUELS

It shall be unlawful for any person to burn or allow any outdoor fire to contain any of the following items:

- a. Household garbage or trash (including paper or cardboard)
- b. Dead animals
- c. Asphalt or oil inducted products (tar paper, roofing materials)
- d. Petroleum products
- e. Paints
- f. Rubber products
- g. Treated wood
- h. Construction/Demolition debris
- i. Metal
- j. Any other substance, which normally emits dense smoke or noxious odors when burned.

3.8 PENALTIES

3.8.1 Penalties may be assessed for violations of these rules. In addition, the Fire District may recover costs incurred during response, control, or extinguishment of an unlawful or out of control fire.

3.8.2 Property owner/contractor assumes responsibilities for damage to any structure, utility line/pole, tree/shrub, fence, and road/right of way or other public/private edifice by smoke, flying ash or flame, and accepts responsibility for any claimed adverse effects to the health of any person or persons in the path of said smoke/flying ash.

APPENDIX

- A. Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue RESIDENTIAL Burn Permit
- B. Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue LAND CLEARING Burn Permit