

**WHATCOM COUNTY  
PLANNING AND  
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES  
Warner Webb  
County Fire Marshal**



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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Pete Kremen, County Executive  
Fire & Police Dispatch  
County & City Officials  
Fire Chiefs

**FROM:** Warner Webb, Whatcom County Fire Marshal *WLW*

**DATE:** 07-15-2010

**SUBJECT:** All Open Burning Suspended

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All open burning under the jurisdiction of Whatcom County is hereby suspended, starting at 08:00AM the 15th day of July, by order of Whatcom County Fire Marshal Warner Webb. The suspension is due to recent dry weather conditions and depleted resources. It will be in effect until further notice.

All land clearing and yard clean-up debris burning will be discontinued at that time. Recreational fires will still be allowed in designated campgrounds and on improved properties with the landowner's permission. Recreational fires are fires that are less than 3 feet in diameter and are built in an approved fire enclosure. To find out the requirements for an approved enclosure please call the burn information line at (360) 676-6934.

For current Whatcom County burn ban information please call **676-6934**.

If your property falls under the jurisdiction of the Department of Natural Resources, please call 1-800-323-BURN for burn ban information.

If you have any questions on open burning in Whatcom County, please contact the Whatcom County Fire Marshal's Office at 360-676-6907.

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**WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE  
NEWS RELEASE**

**Dry conditions and summer weather will call for burn restrictions.**

Whatcom County – Due to the recent dry weather and depleted resources, the Whatcom County Fire Marshal's Office will be enacting restrictions on all open burning starting 08:00am Thursday, July 15th, 2010.

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Violations of these burn restrictions may result in a minimum \$250.00 fine. In addition if you have an illegal fire that escapes or needs to be extinguished by the fire department, you may be held financially responsible for fire suppression costs.

Please be aware that Burn Ban season varies across the state. If you are planning on traveling out of county or state be sure to contact the local jurisdiction for outdoor burning restrictions.

If you have any questions on open burning in Whatcom County, please contact the Whatcom County Fire Marshal's Office at 360-676-6907.

Have a safe and fun summer.

Date: July 15, 2010

For Immediate Release

Contact: Dustin Michaelis, Fire Inspector/Burn