

NEWS RELEASE

May 20th 2019

**MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE
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TO: KMAS, KRXV, SHELTON-MASON COUNTY JOURNAL, THE OLYMPIAN,
SHELTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, NORTH MASON CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE, CITY OF SHELTON, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL,
THE SUN

RE: Mason County Burn Restrictions

**COUNTY-WIDE BURN RESTRICTIONS *
EFFECTIVE 8:00 AM – THURSDAY MAY 23rd 2019
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

Mason County Community Services - Fire Marshal, in partnership with the Mason County Fire Chiefs' Association, has determined that current weather conditions within the County have created substantial fire dangers, and that there is a need to enact **RESTRICTIONS** on outdoor burning to all lands regulated by Mason County. These **BURN RESTRICTIONS** apply to Land Clearing Fires and Residential Debris Fires. Recreational Fires, in designed concrete, stone, or metal pits like those commonly found in campgrounds are still permitted as well as the use of charcoal briquettes, gas and propane barbeques.

*Lands protected by Department of Natural Resources (DNR) may have different restrictions. To find out more information or determine if you are in a Department of Natural Resources area visit www.dnr.wa.gov or call the DNR South Puget Sound Region at 360-825-1631.

Recreational fires must:

- Be built in a metal or concrete fire pit, such as those typically found in designated campgrounds; and not be used as debris disposal;
- Grow no larger than three feet in diameter;
- Be located in a clear spot free from any vegetation for at least 10 feet in a horizontal direction, including at least 25 feet away from any structure and allow 20-foot vertical clearance from overhanging branches;
- Be attended at all times by an alert individual and equipment capable of extinguishing the fire with a shovel and a 5-gallon bucket of water or with a connected and charged water hose.
- Completely extinguish campfires by pouring water or moist soil in them and stirring with a shovel until all parts are cool to the touch. The use of self-contained camp stoves is encouraged as an alternative.
- No burning when winds exceed 5 MPH.

For further information, please contact the Mason County Burn Ban Information Line at (360) 427-7799.

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