



# KITTITAS COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

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## MEMORANDUM

To: Board of County Commissioners  
From: Josh Hink, Fire Marshal  
Subject: Burn Ban  
Date: July 12, 2017

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A fire hazard currently exists in various parts of Kittitas County due to high temperatures, lowering relative humidity and low fuel moisture content of 10, 100 and 1,000 hr fuels. As Fire Marshal of Kittitas County I am imposing a prohibition against open burning and recreational fires in all of unincorporated Kittitas County. Open burning is prohibited within the boundaries of Kittitas Valley Fire and Rescue. Additionally, the City of Kittitas has requested that the County include them in the burn ban.

**Open Burning.** The burning of materials wherein products of combustion are emitted directly into the ambient air without passing through a stack or chimney from an enclosed chamber, and is not defined within the parameters of a recreational fire.

**Recreational Fire.** Outdoor burning of materials other than rubbish where the fuel being burned is contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, chimera, barbeque grill or barbeque pit and has a total fuel area of 3 feet (914mm) or less in diameter and 2 feet (610mm) or less in height, used for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth or similar purposes.

The Washington State Department of Natural Resources state-wide burn ban on all DNR protected lands becomes effective July 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017, and applies to all outdoor burning. All fire districts within Kittitas County have been notified of this action.

**This burn ban is in effect as of 12:00 pm on Wednesday July 12, 2017.**