
FIRE MARSHAL LIFTS RESTRICTIONS ON OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL FIRES FOR THE CITY OF SPOKANE

The burn restrictions that were implemented on 07/16/2018 for outdoor recreational fires were lifted effective 0800, 10/12/2018, by order of the Spokane City Fire Marshal. In ground campfires, fire bowls and fire pits are authorized in the City of Spokane for recreational use. Approved fuels for use include seasoned (clean/dry) firewood, briquettes, propane, or natural gas. Debris disposal is not authorized at any time.

Here are other requirements for outdoor fires:

- Recreational fires may be in *designated* areas or on private property with owner approval.
- Keep it small - Fires must not exceed a fuel area of 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet in height.
- Fires must be attended by a responsible adult (knowledgeable in the use of the fire extinguishing equipment) at all times.
- Approved fire extinguishing equipment must be on hand and ready for use.
 - Equipment can include a garden hose, dirt, sand, bucket, shovel, or a minimum 4A rated portable fire extinguisher.
- Adequate clearance from combustibles must exist (25 feet for *campfires and fire pits*).
 - For multi-family dwellings, use at least a 15-foot clearance from combustibles and structures for *portable fireplace appliances*. Be safe and use good judgment.
 - For one and two-family dwellings, follow the appliance manufacturer's instructions for clearance. Be safe and use good judgment.
- Fires must not present a health hazard or nuisance to others.
- Safe wind conditions (no more than 7 mph) must be present.
- Ash and charcoal remnants must be safely disposed of in noncombustible waste containers.

Note: Burning may be temporarily restricted by Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency due to increasing fine particle (smoke) levels and air stagnation. Check current status at <https://www.spokanecleanair.org/current-burning-conditions>

Fires not meeting the above listed requirements, fires considered unsafe or fires otherwise restricted will be required to be extinguished. As always, bonfires or pig roast type fires must receive an inspection, pre-approval, and a permit from the Spokane Fire Department. Outdoor fires for disposal purposes are illegal in the City of Spokane at all times. Failure to comply with recreational fire regulations are subject to a Class 1 civil infraction, which carries a \$536 penalty. A person who fails to take immediate action to extinguish or otherwise discontinue unauthorized burning when ordered to do so is guilty of a misdemeanor. That person can face additional penalties of up to \$1,000 and/or up to 90 days in jail.