



PUBLIC NOTICE

As of today, September 21, 2010, outdoor recreational fires, including campfires, are allowed in the City of Spokane, Spokane Valley and throughout all unincorporated areas of Spokane County. Citizens may also use backyard barbecues, chimineas, portable outdoor fireplaces or other patio/deck warmers, as long as approved fuel is used. Approved fuel includes seasoned (clean and dry) firewood, briquettes, propane, or natural gas.

Here are other requirements for outdoor fires:

- Fires must be in designated areas or on private property with approval from the owner.
- 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.
 - For one and two-family dwellings, follow the device manufacturer's instructions for clearance. Be safe and use good judgment.
 - For multi-family dwellings, use at least a 15-foot clearance from combustibles and structures. Be safe and use good judgment.
- Fires must not present a health hazard or nuisance to others.
- Safe wind conditions (no more than 7-10 mph [DNR Guideline]) must be present.
- A Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency "green light" indication for air quality must be present.
- Ash and charcoal remnants must be safely disposed of in noncombustible waste containers.

Unsafe or otherwise restricted fires 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 burning for disposal purposes is illegal in the City of Spokane at all times.

Failure to comply with the burning restrictions may result in a class 1 civil infraction, which carries a \$513 fine in addition to other serious consequences. 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 an additional fine of up to \$1,000 and/or up to 90 days in jail.