



Open Burning Permits

- Fires smaller than four (4) feet in diameter require a verbal permit from the Northwest Clean Air Agency. To obtain a verbal permit call (360) 428-1617, press Ext. 4 for Burning Information and then press Ext. 1 for Island County.
- Fires greater than four (4) feet in diameter require a written permit from the Island County Public Health Department. To obtain a written permit call (360) 679-7350.
- Recreational fires smaller than three (3) feet in diameter and two (2) feet high do not require a permit.

Complaints about Open Burning

Smoke from open burning is considered a public health issue. Under the rules established by the Island County Commissioner, open burning permits are issued by the Island County Public Health Department. Please refer all complaints regarding open burning to that office at (360) 679-7350.

We understand the problems presented by smoke from open burning, particularly for individuals with respiratory health issues, but CWIFR does not have the statutory authority to resolve this type of open burning complaint. However, our staff is happy to answer questions and work with you to identify the most appropriate way to resolve your open burning complaints.

If an immediate response to a burn complaint is required and the Public Health Department is unavailable, a Sheriff's Deputy will be dispatched.

If the fire has the potential to spread to wildland or structures, CWIFR will respond to control and extinguish the fire.

Call 911 in case of emergency.



Central Whidbey Island Fire & Rescue Guide to Open Burning

Unless there is a burn ban in place, open burning of brush and yard debris is permitted in all areas of Island County served by Central Whidbey Island Fire & Rescue (CWIFR), with the exception of properties within the city limits of the Town of Coupeville. All yard debris and land-clearing burning requires a permit.

(360) 678-3602

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