



# Clallam County Fire District 3

Motto: *Serve, Respect,  
Prevent and Protect*

## Residential Burning Guidelines

- ◆ **Be Considerate:** Nuisance burning, including smoke, odor, or ash that unreasonably impacts on neighbors is illegal. Let neighbors know when you will be burning – they will be less likely to call 911 thinking that there is an uncontrolled fire.
- ◆ **No Burn Zones:** ALL outdoor burning is prohibited within the city limits of Sequim, and the Urban Growth Areas of Sequim or Carlsborg. Burning is also prohibited whenever a burn ban is directed by the Olympic Region Clean Air Agency (ORCAA). More info is available at [www.orcaa.org](http://www.orcaa.org) . The use of burn barrels is always prohibited.

**No Burn Zone Maps:**     [Sequim No Burn Area Map](#)     [Carlsborg No Burn Area Map](#)

- ◆ Only natural vegetation grown on the property, firewood, or charcoal may be burned. It is against the law to burn anything else – even paper, although you may use a small amount of paper to help start a fire. It is illegal to burn garbage or construction/demolition debris.
- ◆ Preparation is critical. Maximum permissible size of fire is approximately four foot diameter, loosely piled up to 3 feet high. Cover the pile and allow material time to dry thoroughly.
- ◆ Rapid ignition is the key to rapid combustion. Keep the fire small but hot, with adequate airflow for rapid and complete combustion. Do not burn when winds are expected to exceed 10 mph.
- ◆ Don't burn within 25 feet of any building, structure, or standing timber. Clear a firebreak of bare soil - that is free of flammable material - for a distance at least 1.5 times the height of flames.
- ◆ Maintain a readily available and sufficient water supply. A charged garden hose that is long enough to reach around the fire is preferable to buckets. All fires must be continuously monitored by at least one person age 16 or older, who is capable of putting out the fire.
- ◆ Burn loosely stacked dry material and restack or rearrange the pile as necessary.
- ◆ Consider using a LPG weed burner and multiple fire starts on the upwind side of the fire pile. Be cautious if using mechanical ventilation fans or leaf blowers to increase the rate of combustion.
- ◆ You must completely extinguish your fire. Make sure that all embers, coals, and flammable materials are thoroughly wetted. Move rocks to ensure no burning embers remain.



For additional information, please contact ORCAA, 1-800-422-5623 or at [orcaa.org](http://orcaa.org).