

# MEMORANDUM

To: All Meadows-Ferndale HOA (MFHOA) Owners and Residents  
From: MFHOA Board of Directors  
Date: June 25, 2021  
Subject: WHATCOM COUNTY BURN BAN

As reported by the Whatcom News on June 21, 2021 AT 4:26PM.

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Officials with the Whatcom County Fire Marshal's Office announced today, June 21st, due to the warm weather conditions ahead and decreasing fuel moisture levels they will be enacting restrictions on open burning throughout unincorporated Whatcom County starting at 5pm on Friday, June 25th.

All land clearing and yard debris burning must be discontinued at that time and all issued burn permits are suspended according to today's announcement. Recreational fires will still be allowed with the landowner's permission. Recreational fires must meet the following requirements:

- Must only contain seasoned firewood or charcoal.
- Must be contained in an enclosure no larger than 3' X 3' across, and must be a minimum 16" high, made of cement blocks, stones, or steel.
- Beach fires (where allowed) can be dug into an 8" deep pit, surrounded by 4" high enclosure of rocks.
- Fires must be 25' from structures, timber, and combustible materials.
- A charged garden hose or (2) 5-gallon buckets full of water to be next to the fire.
- A shovel or rake capable of stirring and extinguishing the fire to be on-site.
- Recreational fires are allowed after dark, if attended by someone 16 years or older at all times.
- Fires must be attended until out cold.
- No burning when winds exceed 7 MPH.

Violations of these burn restrictions may result in a minimum \$250.00 fine. In addition, if you have a fire that escapes or needs to be extinguished by the fire department, you may be held financially responsible for fire suppression costs, as well as be criminally charged.

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Board of Directors comment:

Please note also that Ferndale Municipal Code Section 8.08.030 states that the following is unlawful and subject to civil action: "Any open burning, including burning barrels, of any materials, including without limitation plastics, rubber, refuse, petroleum or hydrocarbon products, sawdust, yard or construction waste."

*Board of Directors*  
**Meadows-Ferndale HOA**