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## AREA FIRE MARSHALS AND SURROUNDING CITIES ENACT BURN RESTRICTIONS

*BURN RESTRICTIONS GO INTO EFFECT, FRIDAY, JULY 22*

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### Fire Danger Burn Restriction

Although we have seen unseasonably lower temperatures and more rain, the Spokane Metro Area is still at risk for fire this summer.

Fire Marshals from [Spokane Valley Fire Department \(SVFD\)](#), [City of Spokane Fire Department \(SFD\)](#), [Spokane County](#), [City of Cheney](#), [City of Airway Heights](#), and [City of Deer Park](#) have all enacted the Fire Danger **Burn Restriction effective Friday, July 22**. With high temperatures in the forecast, all Cities and Fire Agencies want to keep area communities safe from fire risk by reducing the number of human-caused wildfires.

*"In regard to this year's fire season, the SVFD asks our community to be extra vigilant in their fire safe practices," said Spokane Valley Fire Department Deputy Fire Marshal, Brett Anderson. "Due to the extra wet season during spring and late into June, more green growth occurred than usual. Currently, there are more light flashy fuels available such as weeds, grasses, and bushes that can easily catch fire and spread quickly."*

Unauthorized open burning and unauthorized recreational fires are restricted until this order is lifted or unless otherwise permitted by law enforcement or authorized agencies. If you have any questions, before lighting any fire, call your local agency first.

***“The hot-dry conditions of July and the absence of substantial rain fall have produced an increased fire risk,” said City of Spokane Fire Marshal, Lance Dahl. “To help protect our community from the risk of human-caused wildfires the regional Fire Marshals are enacting Countywide Burn Restrictions. Burn Restrictions are common during warm summer months, serving as additional protection from significant wildfire incidents for our homes and wildlands.”***

We want to do our part to keep our air quality as smoke free as possible. Breathing smoke affects the respiratory system and is especially harmful to everyone and most especially, younger, and elderly generations, and those with heart and respiratory conditions.

We encourage everyone to follow these easy guidelines and help prevent an unplanned fire from occurring. Keep our community fire and smoke risk free this summer wildfire season:

**Under the burn restrictions:**

- **All recreational Fires are not allowed.** This includes any outdoor fire without a chimney such as a backyard fire pit or campfire using chopped firewood or charcoal.
- **All open burning is not allowed.** This includes any open burning of fields and yard waste is prohibited at all times.
- **Manufactured portable outdoor devices are allowed.** This includes fireplaces, chimineas, barbeques, and patio warmers used in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions.
- **Approved fuels in appropriate device are allowed.** This includes clean and dry seasoned firewood, charcoal, natural gas or propane gas.
- **Designated campfires in parks and campgrounds may be allowed as approved and determined by agencies with jurisdiction.**

While the burn restriction is in place, any person found with a recreational fire or conducting open burning who fails to take immediate action to extinguish or otherwise discontinue such burning when ordered or notified to do so shall be charged with a misdemeanor. (IFC 109; SCC 3.02)

If you have questions regarding burn restrictions, here are some resources:

[City of Airway Heights](http://www.cawh.org/) - <http://www.cawh.org/>

[City of Deer Park](https://www.cityofdeerparkwa.com/) - <https://www.cityofdeerparkwa.com/>

[City of Spokane Fire Department](https://my.spokanecity.org/fire/) - <https://my.spokanecity.org/fire/>

[Spokane Clean Air](https://spokanecleanair.org/burning) - <https://spokanecleanair.org/burning>

[Spokane County](https://www.spokanecounty.org/) - <https://www.spokanecounty.org/>

[Spokane Valley Fire Department \(SVFD\)](https://www.spokanevalleyfire.com/) - <https://www.spokanevalleyfire.com/>

[Washington State Department of Natural Resources \(DNR\)](https://www.dnr.wa.gov/OutdoorBurning) - <https://www.dnr.wa.gov/OutdoorBurning>

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