Burn Bans

What you need to know about air quality burn bans
AIR QUALITY BURN BANS

When stagnant weather patterns cause air pollution to build up, the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency issues bans on indoor and outdoor burning. The Agency typically issues these temporary bans in colder fall and winter months, when smoke from wood stoves and fireplaces is anticipated to build to unhealthy levels.

Agency inspectors enforce burn bans by looking for smoke coming from your chimney or stack. If they see thick smoke, you may get a Notice of Violation.

HEALTH RISKS OF BREATHING SMOKE

- Irritated eyes, lung, throat, sinuses
- Headaches and allergies
- Trouble breathing
- Asthma attacks
- Risk of heart attack and stroke
- Chronic lung disease
- Chronic bronchitis
- Emphysema
- Premature death
THERE ARE TWO STAGES OF AIR QUALITY BURN BANS

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<td>Uncertified wood stoves*</td>
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<td>EPA-certified wood stoves</td>
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* Unless your household has a pre-approved No Other Adequate Source of Heat exemption, visit pscleanair.gov/NOASH
To learn more about EPA-certified wood stoves or to find out if a wood stove is certified, visit pscleanair.gov/EPACertified
VIOLATING BURN BANS CAN RESULT IN FINES

Know when burn bans are in effect:

CHECK THE STATUS
pscleanair.gov/burnban

EMAIL & TEXT
pscleanair.gov/signup

SOCIAL MEDIA
facebook.com/pscleanair
twitter.com/pscleanair

BURN BAN HOTLINE
800–595–4341

Whether during a burn ban or any day, consider switching to a cleaner source of heat:

• Electric heat pumps
• Natural gas or propane stoves or inserts
• Natural gas furnaces
• Electric heat

TO REPORT AN AIR QUALITY PROBLEM

ONLINE
pscleanair.gov/complaints

CALL
800–552–3565

MAIL
Puget Sound Clean Air Agency
Attn: Inspection
1904 Third Avenue
Suite 105
Seattle, WA 98101

NOTE
Your complaint will become a public record.

Fire safety burn bans are different than air quality burn bans:

Fire safety bans are issued and enforced by the fire marshal when dry weather conditions heighten the risk of wildfires. Fire safety burn bans are generally called during the summer and can last for several months.

For more on fire safety bans, contact your county fire marshal.