



La Center, WA. – Due to the extreme fire danger, effective at 12:01 am, July 26, recreational fires will be prohibited throughout the City of La Center.

This recreational fire restriction is in addition to the general outdoor burning prohibition that was implemented on July 1. This is a preventive measure to reduce the risk of grass or brush fires as a result of escaped camp and recreational fires.

The ban also includes lands protected by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources.

This ban includes campfires, fire rings and pits, outdoor fireplaces, and open flames that are not contained in a BBQ grill or camp stove.

Persistent hot, dry weather has caused concern with how easy it is for a fire to be ignited by an escaped ember from a recreational fire. A small campfire can accidentally spread to adjacent properties very easily with our current dry conditions.

With no precipitation in the forecast and the expectation of temperatures in the 80's and 90's to continue, the ban will be in place until conditions improve to lower the risk.

Creating a defensible space around a home helps prevent wildfires from spreading to a residence, or vice versa. The City recommends the following measures to protect your home from possible outside fires:

- Remove fuel
 - Within 3-5 feet of foundations, outbuildings, garages and sheds
 - Within 10 feet of a house
 - Under decks and porches
 - From gutters, eaves, porches and decks
- Cut the lawn if it is brown. Dispose of debris and cuttings.
- Prune trees so lowest branches are 6-10 feet above the ground.
- Landscape with native and flame-resistant plants.

Self-contained camp stoves and barbeque grills are not banned, and provide a safe alternative to open camp fires for outdoor cooking.

For more information, please contact Clark County Fire & Rescue at 360.887.4609 or visit www.clarkfr.org

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