

## ALTERNATIVES TO BURNING

Recycling and composting information is available from the Pacific County Extension Agent. Grinding yard debris makes composting easier and doesn't contribute to air pollution and/or health problems.

### **RESIDENTIAL BACKYARD BURNING PERMIT**

***This is your permit for residential backyard burning.*** You must sign this permit and have it with you when you burn. Please comply with all provisions in this permit. Failure to follow these guidelines could result in fines or penalties, and the cost of extinguishing your fire.

**REMEMBER:** You **must** call the burn information line to confirm if it is a burn day before lighting your fire. Call 665-3508, any time during the day, 7 days a week.

*I have read the entire outdoor burning permit and understand the rules contained within. If I do not abide by these rules, I understand I will be liable for costs incurred by the fire protection authority called to respond to, control, or extinguish an illegal or out-of-control fire.  
(See WAC 173-425-060(6))*

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Signature

### **BUSINESS PHONE NUMBERS:**

Pacific County Fire District #1 (360) 665-4451

Olympic Region Clean Air Agency 1-800-422-5623

**THIS PERMIT EXPIRES ON 12/31/12**

# BURNING PERMIT

For Residential Outdoor Burning In

## PACIFIC COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 1

SOUTHWEST  
PACIFIC COUNTY  
WASHINGTON

**PLEASE CALL TO CONFIRM IF IT IS  
A BURN DAY  
665-3508**

(Permit effective January 1 - December 31, 2012)

## OUTDOOR BURNING IN FIRE DISTRICT 1

Please read this information carefully. It should answer any of your questions regarding residential outdoor burning in Pacific County Fire District 1. Effective January 1, 2007, outdoor burning was banned in Long Beach, Ilwaco, and certain areas of Seaview.

### DO I NEED A PERMIT TO BURN IN FIRE DISTRICT 1?

**YES**, all outdoor burning requires a permit. **Backyard barbecue pits and recreational campfires are exempt** from permit procedures. Beach bonfires are permitted 100 feet west of the dune grass line and are limited in size to 4'x4'x3' (WAC 173-425-030).

**RESIDENTIAL BACKYARD BURNING.** This brochure will serve as your permit for backyard burning. The permit is free and is for small piles of natural vegetation only (4'x4'x3'). **Please read the following information carefully, sign the back, and keep it with you at all times when you are burning.**

#### **Burn Rule Requirements for Backyard Burning:**

- Burn piles shall be no larger than 4' x 4' x 3'. Burn one pile at a time.
- The fire shall be at least 50 feet from buildings or dune grass, and at least 500 feet from forest slash.
- Burning shall be conducted during daylight hours only.
- If the fire creates a nuisance and/or health hazard, it must be extinguished.
- The fire must be in a safe location, which is free from debris and combustible material.
- The fire may only be lit on calm days (little or no wind).
- Someone capable of extinguishing the fire must be in attendance at all times, with a shovel and sufficient water available. The fire must be extinguished before leaving it.
- Containers used for outdoor burning must be brick or concrete; **steel burn barrels may not be used** (WAC 173-425-050).

- The fire must be comprised of natural vegetation only and not contain any materials such as garbage, dead animals, asphalt, petroleum products, paints, rubber products, plastics, paper, cardboard, treated wood, construction or demolition debris (including lumber scraps), metal or any substance which when burned releases toxic emissions, dense smoke, or odors. (WAC 173-425-040)
- All due caution should be exercised in extinguishing the fire. All coals should be completely extinguished and spread out to reduce the possibility of rekindling.

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### **OTHER TYPES OF PERMITS AVAILABLE ONLY WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF PACIFIC COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 1**

**SPECIAL PERMITS.** This permit covers natural vegetation on improved property in a pile 10' x 10' or smaller. Permits must be requested at least 24 hours in advance at 665-4451 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Mon. through Fri. A site inspection will be necessary prior to issuance of a special permit. **PERMIT FEE \$25.00**

**LAND CLEARING PERMITS.** This permit covers natural vegetation on unimproved property in a pile no larger than 20' x 20' x 15'. Permits must be requested at least 24 hours in advance at 665-4451 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Mon. through Fri. A site inspection will be necessary prior to issuance of a land-clearing permit. **PERMIT FEE \$75.00**

**AGRICULTURAL BURNING PERMITS.** For more information on agricultural burning permits within Pacific County Fire District 1, call 665-4451.

**For land clearing permits in other areas contact Olympic Region Clean Air Agency at 1-800-422-5623.**

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**ARE THERE RESTRICTED BURN DAYS?** Burning may be banned or restricted in the event of impaired air quality as determined by Olympic Region Clean Air Agency, or extreme fire danger as determined by DNR or the local fire officials. Burning is restricted to daylight hours.

**Call 665-3508 to confirm if it is a burn day or visit web site [www.pcf1.org](http://www.pcf1.org)**