



## EAST JEFFERSON FIRE RESCUE

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### Land Clearing Burn Ban Established 2021

With the anticipated above average temperatures and extreme natural fuels available the Fire Chiefs of East Jefferson County, in the best interest and safety of the public, a countywide burn ban limiting all land clearing burning will be set into effect beginning *June 25 through September 30, 2021* or until further notice. The burn ban at this time does not currently apply to recreational fires or barbeques.

The burn ban will be in effect for all land clearing burns within Jefferson County, as recommended by the Jefferson County Board of Fire Chiefs and the Jefferson County Fire Marshal, established under Jefferson County Resolutions No. 42-05 and 43-05. Establishing the burn ban earlier than July 1st brings Jefferson County into alignment with Kitsap County, and Clallam County. Also, as of June 23, 2021 DNR Olympic upgraded fire danger to Moderate.

Requirements for recreational fires are defined by the International Fire Code (2015 IFC - Section 307) and the Washington State Administrative code (173-425-050). Outdoor fire burning materials other than rubbish where the fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fire place, portable outdoor fire place, barbeque grill or barbeque pit and has a total fuel area of 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth or similar purpose. **Fires used for debris or rubbish disposal are not considered recreational fires and are illegal to include the use of burn barrels.**

All county-wide burning is subject to immediate closure at any time if DNR declares an unusual fire danger index or when the County Fire Marshal in conjunction with the Jefferson County Fire Chief's declares an extreme fire danger. No burning of any type will be allowed. Examples of such include; recreational fires, beach fires, bonfires, or the use of portable outdoor fire places, briquettes, charcoal, wood pellets or any other material commonly used for cooking which when ignited produces heat and flame fire will not be allowed. When a declaration of extreme fire danger is in effect, it is unlawful for any person to sell, transfer, discharge, ignite or explode any fireworks, display fireworks or special effects within unincorporated Jefferson County. This prohibition also includes when air stagnation conditions exists, as determined by the Washington State Department of Ecology, the Olympic Region Clean Air Authority and/or the Department of Natural Resources.

For more information about fire danger in Jefferson County, please contact East Jefferson Fire Rescue at (360)385-2626, or go to East Jefferson Fire Rescue's web site at [www.ejfr.org](http://www.ejfr.org). Additional information may be available from the Washington State Department of Natural Resources or your local Fire Department.

Have a great Summer. Be safe and responsible. Please remember to completely extinguish all fires, until cold to the touch.

Respectfully,

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