

**NEWS RELEASE**  
**September 4, 2015**

**MASON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**  
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**TO:** KMAS, KRXY, SHELTON-MASON COUNTY JOURNAL, THE OLYMPIAN,  
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**RE: AMENDMENT to Mason County Burn Ban – Effective September 4, 2015**

Due to recent rains and cooler temperatures, **EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 4, 2015** the Mason County Fire Marshal's Office, in partnership with the Mason County Fire Chiefs' Association, is relaxing the current burn ban and allowing campfires in time for the Labor Day weekend.

Campfires must follow the rules listed below:

- Fire shall be in a metal or concrete fire pit, such as those typically found in designated campgrounds.
- A written permit is not required for residential burning.
- Recreational fires are not to be used for debris disposal.
- Maximum fire size is three (3) feet in diameter.
- A minimum 10-foot firebreak must be constructed around each fire with a 20-foot clearance from overhanging branches.
- The fire must be at least 25 feet from any structure or combustible material.
- The fire must not create a nuisance from smoke, obscure visibility on public roads and highways, or endanger life and property.
- A person and equipment capable of extinguishing the fire shall be in constant attendance at the site while burning.

If the weather begins to heat up and dry out again, the Mason County Fire Marshal's Office reserves the right to call for a complete burn ban and restrict ALL burning including campfires.

For further information, please contact the Mason County Burn Ban Information Line at (360) 427-7799.

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