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## FIRE MARSHAL ISSUES BURN RESTRICTIONS FOR THE CITIES OF SPOKANE VALLEY, LIBERTY LAKE AND MILLWOOD

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Due to the hot, dry conditions, specified outdoor recreational fires (campfires, fire bowls, and fire pits) have been restricted in the Cities of Spokane Valley, Liberty Lake, and Millwood effective today, July 24, 2019, by order of the Spokane Valley Fire Marshal. The restriction will continue until further notice; such restrictions are subject to change depending on conditions.

Also see [www.spokanevalleyfire.com](http://www.spokanevalleyfire.com) for more information.

Citizens still may use backyard barbecues, portable outdoor fireplaces, or other patio/deck warmers, provided the appliance has spark arrester and a chimney, approved fuel is used, and weather conditions support safe recreational fires. Approved fuel includes seasoned (clean and dry) firewood, briquettes, propane, or natural gas.

Here are other requirements for outdoor fires:

- Fires must be in designated areas or on private property with approval from the owner.
- Fires must be attended by a responsible adult (knowledgeable in the use of the fire extinguishing equipment) at all times.
- Approved fire extinguishing equipment must be on hand and ready for use.
  - Equipment can include a garden hose, dirt, sand, bucket, shovel, or a minimum 4A rated portable fire extinguisher.
- Adequate clearance from combustibles must exist.
  - For one and two-family dwellings, follow the device manufacturer's instructions for clearance. Be safe and use good judgment.
  - For multi-family dwellings, use at least a 15-foot clearance from combustibles and structures. Be safe and use good judgment.
- Fires must not present a health hazard or nuisance to others.
- Safe wind conditions (no more than 7 mph) must be present.
- Ash and charcoal remnants must be safely disposed of in noncombustible waste containers.

Unsafe or otherwise restricted fires will be required to be extinguished. Failure to comply with the burning restrictions could have serious consequences. A person who fails to take immediate action to extinguish or otherwise discontinue unauthorized burning when ordered to do so is guilty of a misdemeanor and can face a fine of up to \$1,000 and/or up to 90 days in jail.



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Fire Marshal