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BURN RESTRICTIONS UPGRAGED TO WOOD

BURNING BAN FOR AREAS WITHIN THE SVFD FIRE DISTRICT

BURN BAN GOES INTO EFFECT, FRIDAY, AUGUST 11th, 12:01 a.m.

Fire Danger Burn Ban

With the increase in area wildland fires, sustained hot temperatures and lack of precipitation, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is banning all open burning in the Northwest Region effective August 11, 12:01 a.m. This means no campgrounds or wood burning appliances on unimproved properties can be used. What is still allowed would be propane and natural gas appliances like BBQs and fire tables in a backyard setting.

Spokane Valley Fire Department Chief and Deputy Fire Marshal have voted in favor of following DNR’s wood burning ban for properties within our Fire District. All current **burn restrictions for properties within the SVFD Fire District remain in effect.** Visit [spokanevalleyfire.com](#) or call 509.928.1700 if you have questions regarding burn restrictions within the cities of Liberty Lake, Millwood, or the City of Spokane Valley.

The Burn Ban will be effective Friday, August 11th, 12:01 a.m. With high temperatures in the forecast, local Fire Agencies want to keep our communities safe, lowering fire risk by reducing the number of human-caused wildfires.

“We always grow more concerned this time of year when it doesn’t take much to spark a fire,” said Spokane Valley Fire Department Deputy Fire Marshal, Brett Anderson. “SVFD asks our community to remain vigilant in their fire safe practices. Last week, we responded to a second alarm fire in the Dishman Hills Natural Area that required a large number of our resources and resources from other local agencies. We want to minimize the fire risk in our area and keep our community safe. We are responding daily to brush fires within our Fire District.

Fuels like pine needles, brush, and plants have been drying out for months and will catch fire easily.”

Unauthorized open burning and unauthorized recreational fires are restricted until this order is lifted or unless otherwise permitted by law enforcement or authorized agencies. If you have any questions, before lighting any fire, call your local agency first.

While the burn ban is in place, any person found with a recreational fire or conducting open burning who fails to take immediate action to extinguish or otherwise discontinue such burning when ordered or notified to do so shall be charged with a misdemeanor. **(2018 IFC 110.3.2)**

About Spokane Valley Fire Department

The Spokane Valley Fire Department (SVFD) serves a population of 136,000+ over 75-square miles, including the cities of Spokane Valley, Liberty Lake, and Millwood, as well as surrounding unincorporated areas. In 2022, our cross-trained Firefighter/EMTs and Firefighter/Paramedics responded to more than 23,200 emergency calls.

Established in 1940, SVFD is committed to pursuing excellence and is distinguished as an accredited agency by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI), and by SVFD’s Class 2 fire insurance rating from the Washington Survey and Rating Bureau

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