

Environmental Health and Safety

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Fire Awareness

Smoke from outdoor burning pollutes the air and causes serious health problems such as asthma, emphysema, bronchitis, and lung cancer. Children, the elderly and those with breathing problems are most harmed by poor air quality. Backyard fires, grilling and campfires contribute to poor air quality, especially when done improperly.

Burning treated wood, cardboard, Styrofoam and other garbage off-gas toxic chemicals. In Washington State, the only materials that may be legally burned in an outdoor fire are dry, natural vegetation and untreated wood.

Grilling:

When grilling outdoors this summer, look for environmentally friendly options.

Consider the following link:

[The Great BBQ Debate](#)

Backyard Fires:

Backyard fires must adhere to all State Laws/regulations. Burn barrels are illegal.

Campfires:

If building a campfire this summer, keep the following tips in mind:

[Campfire and Outdoor Burning Tips](#)

Recycle Instead of Burning:

[METRO: Find A Recycler](#)

[Clark County: Recycling A-Z](#)



Burn Laws:

[Washington State](#)

[Oregon State](#)

The Health Effects of Backyard Burning:

[EPA: Backyard Burning](#)

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