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## Burn Permit for Residential Burning and/or Cooking and Recreational Fires

Name of Applicant/Responsible Party \_\_\_\_\_

Address/Location of Burn Site \_\_\_\_\_

*Please read carefully before signing.*

*This permit must be completed by the property owner and remain on site.*

*The applicant agrees to comply with all terms, conditions and permit regulations of the Vashon Fire District, King County Fire Marshal and Puget Sound Clean Air Agency.*

This Permit is issued on the following terms, conditions and proposed purposes stated therein:

Check the current Burn Status by calling the District’s Burn Line at 206.463.9495, Puget Sound Clean Air Agency at 800.595.4341 or <http://www.pscleanair.org> for air quality information. For additional King County information, please check: <http://www.kingcounty.gov/property/FireMarshal/BurnBanInfo.aspx>.

**All Burning** is permitted with the following requirements:

- A person capable of extinguishing the fire must attend it at all times. The fire must be extinguished before leaving it unattended.
- Adequate water must be available such as a charged garden hose or enough water containers to completely extinguish the fire.

**Residential Burning** is permitted sunrise to sunset. Only one pile shall be burned at any one time. Each pile must be extinguished before lighting another pile. **No Burning** within fifty (50) feet of structures, trees or wood fences. The fire must not include materials hauled from other properties.

- Residential burning is defined as an outdoor fire no larger than four (4) feet by four (4) feet square and three (3) feet in height. Burns may consist of leaves, clippings, pruning, and other yard and garden refuse originating on lands immediately adjacent and in close proximity to the dwelling and burned on such lands by property owner or his/her designee. **Burn Only Natural Vegetation.**
- The fire shall not contain treated or untreated lumber, garbage, plastic, dead animals, petroleum products, paint or any substance that emits dense smoke or obnoxious odors. Petroleum products **May Not** be used to start or intensify the fire.
- The area around the pile must be kept clear of additional fuels. Burn barrels are prohibited for all uses in Washington State.
- Judgment regarding wind conditions must be used to prevent the spread of fire, smoke or unpleasant emissions to neighboring homes. A fan may be used to ensure a hot clean burning fire.

**Cooking/Recreational Burning** means an outdoor fire no larger than three (3) feet in diameter by two (2) feet in height consisting of charcoal or dry seasoned firewood, (not debris), used for cooking or campfires that occur in designated areas or on private property for cooking, pleasure or ceremonial purposes.

Additional requirements include:

- Beach fires can only be burned below the high tide line on your own property or with the permission of the property owner.

**Unlawful Outdoor Burning** is defined as any outdoor fire that causes an emission of smoke or any containment that is detrimental to the health, safety, or welfare of any person, that causes damage to property or business, or that causes a nuisance.

- Any person responsible for unlawful odor burning must immediately extinguish the fire.
- Any person affected by outdoor burning may file a complaint by contacting VIFR or Puget Sound Clean Air agency. See RCW70.94.040, RCW70.94.650, RCW70.94.730, RCW70.94.6501 for more information.

Vashon Fire is authorized to inspect burning site, without notification, at any time while burning is being conducted or suspected. In responding to an outdoor burn complaint, Vashon Fire will attempt to determine if the burning is unlawful. This may include, but not be limited to, considering whether the burning has caused an emission of smoke or any other air contaminate in sufficient quantity to be unlawful. If directed to stop burning by District personnel compliance is expected and required to be immediate and without challenge.

By signing this document, it is acknowledged that this document has been read in its entirety, the conditions of the permit are understood, and the District's website has been checked to see if the most current version of the permit is being used.

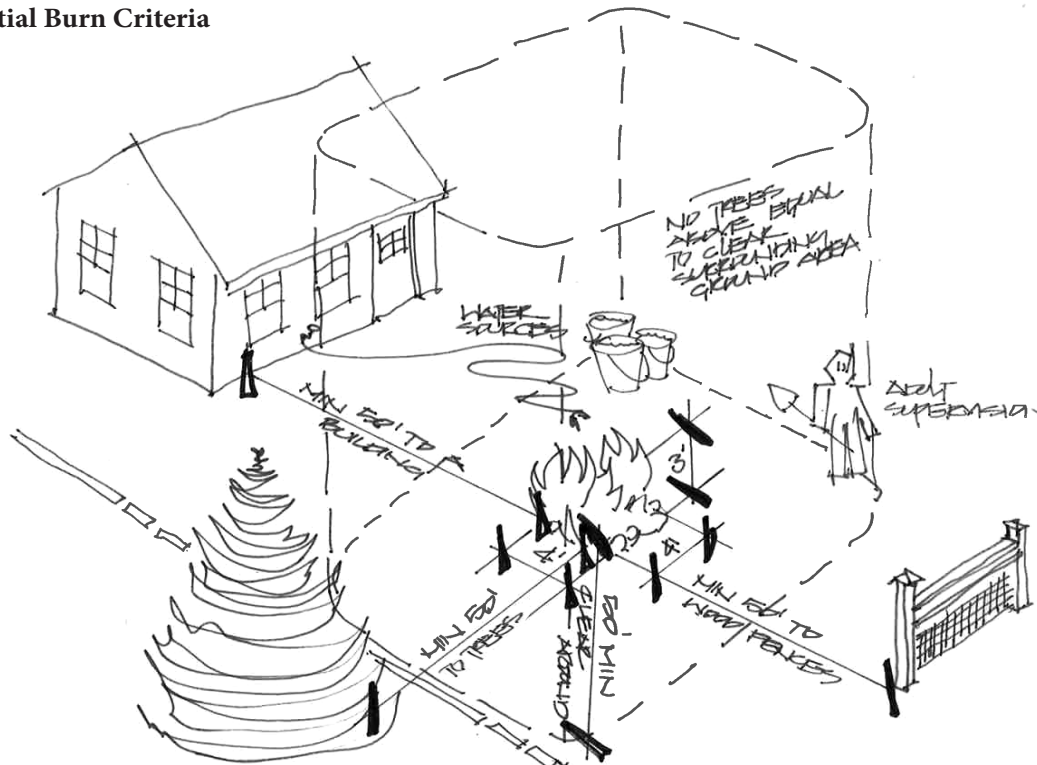
Property Owner's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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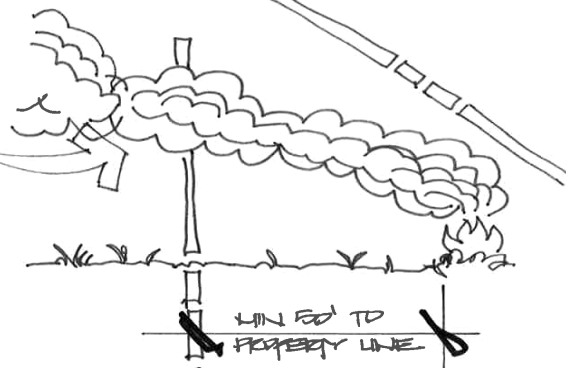
*Additional forms can be obtained at VIFR.org, by mail, or by stopping by the business offices of the fire station at 10020 SW Bank Road.*

*This permit is valid until a change in property owner, change in the burn address/location, the District issues an updated version of this permit, or official revocation by the authority having jurisdiction.*

**Residential Burn Criteria**



It is an illegal burn if smoke crosses over your property line.  
 If smoke crosses your property line you may be directed to extinguish the fire.



*Drawing is representational only—not to scale.*