HOQUIAM FIRE DEPARTMENT
RECREATIONAL FIRE GUIDELINES

Due to the Olympic Region Clean Air Agency (ORCAA) enacting rules and regulations concerning outdoor burning, the citizens of Hoquiam are no longer permitted to burn as they have in the past. Only "Recreational fires" are allowed.

"Recreational fire" *means "An outdoor fire, burning materials other than rubbish where the fuel being burned is contained in an outdoor fireplace, portable outdoor fireplace, barbeque grill or barbeque pit and has a total fuel area of 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth or similar purposes."*
(International Fire Code, Section 302)

To assist the citizens of Hoquiam, the following guidelines shall apply to "Recreational fires".

1. Recreational fires shall be in fire pits or containers constructed of concrete, clay or other noncombustible material. Steel Burn Barrels are not allowed.

2. Commercially manufactured portable fire containers must be used in accordance with the manufactures instructions and safety requirements.

3. All non-commercial or home built fire containers must be installed and used following the requirements of these guidelines.

4. The fuel area of the fire shall be no larger than 36inches in diameter and 24 inches in height.

5. Recreational fire areas must be located at least 25 feet from wooden fences, decks, structures or other combustible materials.

6. Fires must be in attendance by an adult at all times. Fires must be extinguished when burning is complete or a responsible person is no longer in attendance. A fire extinguisher or garden hose must be available for extinguishment of the fire.

7. Only dry firewood, charcoal or commercially produced artificial logs ("prestologs" etc.) maybe burned:

8. Burn responsibly. If smoke, odor or ash, which goes beyond your property, negatively impacts a neighbor or causes a nuisance, the fire must be extinguished.

9. No fires are allowed during a time of extreme fire danger, as determined by the Hoquiam Fire Department and/or the Olympic Region Clean Air Agency (ORCAA) Most news agencies announce when a total burn ban is issued.

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