

# OPEN BURNING POLICY FOR ASOTIN COUNTY

The following is a short summary of the requirements established for open burning outside the incorporated areas of Asotin County and within the boundary as described in the burning ordinance...

Open burning is only allowed during the spring and fall. The spring period runs from April 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>, the fall period runs from October 15<sup>th</sup> to December 15<sup>th</sup>. . **(Providing air quality and weather conditions are suitable)**. Call 243-2002 to verify burning conditions for the day.

Open burning is allowed from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. daily. All fires must be completely extinguished including all embers by 5:00PM.

Each burn shall not be larger than four feet by four feet by three feet in height(4'x4'x3') and shall be at a distance of at least 50 feet from any building, structure, or combustible material.

**Any burn can be ordered extinguished if considered a nuisance to any surrounding properties.**

**Prohibited items to burn, include but are not limited to:** Garbage, Oil or Grease, Lawn clippings, Leaves, Commercial or Industrial waste, Products containing rubber, Dead Animals, Demolition debris, Asphalt shingles, Railroad ties, Telephone poles, Building materials, Green vegetation, Pallets, or any other materials which emit dense smoke or obnoxious odors. **Burn Barrels are prohibited by State Law.**

**Asotin County WILL NOT issue special permits for oversized piles, prohibited materials, or times outside of the burn period.**

All agriculture burning permits and questions should be addressed to the Washington State Department of Ecology at (509)329-3523 ask for burn team member on duty or email at [agburn@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:agburn@ecy.wa.gov)

Penalties can be assessed with increasing severity for continued violations. The violations can range from \$200.00 for the first offense and can be as severe as \$10,000.00 for multiple violations.

For further information concerning open burning in Asotin County, contact the Asotin County Building and Planning Department at 243-2020.