**Property Owner Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address/Location of Burn: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Lot numbers are not acceptable — Accurate street address is required)

The property owner agrees to comply with all permit terms and conditions of Anderson Island Fire/Rescue and all Puget Sound Clean Air Agency rules and regulations. This permit allows the property owner and/or their designee to: 1) burn their personal residential yard debris on their own property; and, 2) burn small recreational campfires. This burn permit is issued subject to the following conditions:

1. Each day you plan to burn you must check whether there is a burn ban:
   1. For information on **Fire Safety Burn Bans**, call Pierce County at **(253) 798-7278**.
   2. For **Air Quality Burn Bans**, call Puget Sound Clean Air Agency at **1-800-595-4341**.
   3. Visit andersonislandfire.org, or call (253) 884-4040, to determine if burning is permitted.
2. NO BURNING of any kind is allowed during dry, windy weather or high-wind conditions. Ensure that weather conditions are such that it is safe for a fire burn, before proceeding.
3. One responsible adult (18 years of age or older) is required to be present at all times while burning. Fires must be completely extinguished before leaving.
4. Burning shall be located at least **25 ft from any structure, fence, tree line** or other combustible material.
5. The immediate area around the burn pile must be cleared down to mineral soil to prevent fire spreading.
6. **Adequate water MUST be available**. Either a charged garden hose or sufficient water in containers to extinguish the fire. A shovel or adequate means shall be available to dig a proper fire break, or additional fire breaks, if the need should arise.
7. NO TRASH or prohibited materials may be burned, including: Paper, cardboard, garbage, dead animals, building materials, painted or treated lumber, rubber or plastic products, petroleum products, asphalt, or any other substance that, when burned, produces smoke that is harmful or offensive to your neighbors.
8. Burn barrels are illegal and shall not be used at any time. **LAND-CLEARING FIRES ARE PROHIBITED**.

**RESIDENTIAL YARD DEBRIS FIRES (natural vegetation)**

1. Residential yard debris burn pile shall not exceed 4 x 4 x 4 ft maximum; only **one burn pile** at a time.
2. Fires are limited to **only** natural vegetation from the burn site property, such as leaves and branches.
3. Residential yard debris burning shall only occur during daylight hours.

**SMALL RECREATIONAL FIRES (cooking fires/campfires/bonfires)**

1. Small Recreational Fires shall not be larger than 3 ft wide x 2 ft tall maximum, located in a **designated fire pit.**
2. Recreational Fires are allowed after daylight hours, but are limited to split, dry, seasoned firewood only.
3. Beach fires may be built on privately owned property, by property owners, below the high tide line.

THE POSSESSION of this PERMIT shall not relieve the property owner from liability of any damages resulting from the fire for which they may otherwise be liable.

YOU, the applicant and property owner, hereby agree that the fire department is authorized to inspect the burn site any time that burning is to be conducted on the site as described, or afterward, for the purpose of ensuring proper extinguishment.

**WASHINGTON STATE LAW:** VIOLATION OF OR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH CONDITIONS OF THIS PERMIT IS A MISDEMEANOR AND SUBJECT TO FINES AND/OR PENALTIES AS ESTABLISHED BY LAW (RCW 52.12.105).

Permits are valid for one (1) year. After expiration it is your responsibility to ensure that you obtain an updated permit.

Today’s Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1 year from today)

Applicant/Property Owner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***By signing, you acknowledge that you have read, fully understand, and agree to comply with all terms and conditions of this permit.***

**Please keep the top portion of your permit at the location where you are burning.**

**Please be sure to fill-in, sign, and date the bottom portion of this permit and leave it in the box outside of the station.**

**We require a record of your permit, and it is YOUR responsibility to make sure we receive the signed bottom portion for our files.**

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**Property Owner Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**What’s the difference between a Stage 1 and Stage 2 burn ban?**

During a **Stage 1** burn ban:

* No burning is allowed in wood-burning fireplaces, uncertified wood stoves or uncertified fireplace inserts unless this is your only adequate source of heat.
* Even those using a certified device or those for whom this is their only adequate source of heat cannot generate visible smoke.
* All outdoor burning is prohibited, even in areas where outdoor burning is not permanently banned. This includes wood- and charcoal-fueled recreational fires.

During a **Stage 2** burn ban:

* No burning is allowed in ANY wood-burning fireplaces, wood stoves, or fireplace inserts (certified or uncertified) or pellet stoves, unless this is your only adequate source of heat.
* Even those for whom this is their only adequate source of heat, burning cannot generate visible smoke.
* All outdoor burning is prohibited, even in areas where outdoor burning is not permanently banned. This includes wood- and charcoal-fueled recreational fires.

# ****Air Quality vs. Fire Safety Burn Bans****

Air quality burn bans are issued and enforced by the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency when air pollution levels rise to unhealthy levels. Air quality burn bans typically occur during fall and winter months and may last for up to a week or more.

During an **air quality** burn ban:

* The use of fireplaces and uncertified wood stoves is prohibited, unless this is your only source of heat and you have been approved by Puget Sound Clean Air Agency for an exemption.
* All outdoor fires are banned.

Fire safety burn bans are issued and enforced by the fire marshal or local fire departments when dry weather conditions heighten the risk of wildfires. Fire safety burn bans are generally called during the summer and can last for several months, even into the fall.

During a **fire safety** burn ban:

* Outdoor fires used to burn yard debris, land-clearing debris, and agricultural residue are prohibited.
* Recreational fires may also be prohibited.

**How can I find out when a burn ban has been issued or cancelled?**

Several options are available to you, to learn information about the current burn ban status:

1. The reader board at Anderson Island General Store.
2. Call the Anderson Island Fire/Rescue main phone for burn information, at: **(253) 884-4040**
3. Anderson Island Fire/Rescue’s website, online at: [andersonislandfire.org](https://www.andersonislandfire.org/)
4. Pierce County Fire Marshal info on fire safety burn bans, at: [piercecountywa.gov/982/Outdoor-Burning](https://www.piercecountywa.gov/982/Outdoor-Burning)
5. Puget Sound Clean Air Agency info on air quality burn bans, at: [pscleanair.org](https://pscleanair.gov/168/Air-Quality-Burn-Ban-Status)
6. Download the free app: **Anderson Island Assistant**, which provides up-to-date information on:
   1. Fire Safety Burn Bans issued by Pierce County; and,
   2. Air Quality Burn Bans issued by Puget Sound Clean Air Agency for regions throughout the Puget Sound area.