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Yakima County Fire Marshal Declares Burn Ban Friday August 5th – Friday September 30th

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YAKIMA, WA - The Yakima County Fire Marshal has declared a county-wide burn ban for unincorporated Yakima County effective Friday, August 5, 2022, to Friday, September 30, 2022.

Due to the high temperatures, dry conditions and the lack of available water resources, the Yakima County Fire Marshal has declared a **ban on all open burning in the unincorporated areas of Yakima County**. All outdoor burning, including bonfires and recreational fires, are prohibited.

Agricultural field burning or orchard burning is allowed when permitted through Yakima Valley Clean Air Authority (YVCAA). Fire Safety measures and suppression to be on site at time of burn. YVCAA can be reached at (509) 834-2050.

“It is our hope that by declaring a burn ban, we will help ensure that human-caused fires will not divert the resources we need to fight wildfires,” said the Yakima County Fire Marshal.

Yakima County is working with federal and state agencies and local Fire Protection Districts to help protect citizens, property, and the environment from the devastation of uncontrolled fire.

Outdoor burning in violation of the local ban may be subject to a fine of \$1,000, arrest, and/or jail and should be reported to the Yakima County Sheriff’s Office at (509) 574-2500.

The ban may be extended to include all outdoor burning including agricultural if the County continues to experience high temperatures.

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