MASON COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL

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PRESS RELEASE

Date: July 17, 2026

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Fire Danger Rating Increased to HIGH

Given recent weather conditions and forecasted weather patterns, the National Fire Danger Rating System (NFDRS) for Mason County will be elevated from ***MODERATE*** to ***HIGH*** effective **12:01 AM on Saturday, July 18, 2026**.

In accordance with Mason County policy and to maintain consistency with the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the following activities will be prohibited on all lands within Mason County effective at that time:

- Permitted Land Clearing Burns
- Residential Burning
- Recreational Fires
- Charcoal and Briquette Fires
- Weed Burning

Please note that these restrictions do not apply to pizza ovens, smokers (pellet), propane fire pits, propane barbecues, or indoor fireplaces equipped with a ¼-inch metal screen over the chimney opening. These devices may continue to be used provided they are operated in a safe manner and in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations and any applicable fire safety requirements.

These restrictions are being implemented to reduce the risk of wildfire ignition and protect life, property, and natural resources during the current fire season.

Mason County appreciates the public's cooperation and assistance in helping keep our communities safe from wildfire.

For additional information regarding current burn restrictions, please contact the Mason County Fire Marshal's Office.

Effective Date: July 18, 2026, at 12:01 AM
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Affected Area: All lands within Mason County, Washington