Burn Bans
What’s banned during an air quality burn ban?

Health Risks of Breathing Smoke
- Irritated eyes, lung, throat, sinuses
- Headaches and allergies
- Trouble breathing
- Asthma attacks
- Risk of heart attack and stroke
- Chronic lung disease
- Chronic bronchitis
- Emphysema
- Nose, throat, lung, blood and lymph system cancers

To report an air quality problem:
1) Go ONLINE for the quickest response: pscleanair.org/complaint
2) CALL our air quality complaint line: 800-552-3565, ext. 6
3) MAIL your complaint to:
   Puget Sound Clean Air Agency
   ATTN: Inspection
   1904 Third Avenue
   Suite 105
   Seattle, WA, 98101

NOTE: Your complaint will become a public record.
The Puget Sound Clean Air Agency issues bans on indoor and outdoor burning when stagnant weather patterns cause air pollution to build up. These temporary bans typically occur in colder fall and winter months when smoke from wood stoves and fireplaces builds to unhealthy levels.

Agency inspectors enforce burn bans by looking for smoke coming from your chimney or stack. If they see thick smoke, you may get a Notice of Violation.

**There are two stages of burn bans:**

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<td>Fireplaces</td>
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<td>Uncertified wood stoves</td>
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<td>Visible smoke from any device</td>
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**Air. On the safe side.**

- Know when burn bans are in effect:
  - [www.pscleanair.org/facebook](http://www.pscleanair.org/facebook)
  - [www.pscleanair.org/twitter](http://www.pscleanair.org/twitter)
  - [www.pscleanair.org/signup](http://www.pscleanair.org/signup)
  - [www.pscleanair.org](http://www.pscleanair.org)
  - (800) 595-4341

- Consider switching to cleaner heating:
  1. Electric heat
  2. Gas/propane inserts
  3. Gas/oil furnaces
  4. Heat pumps
  5. Pellet stoves
  6. Certified wood stoves

- Learn more about burn bans:
  - [www.pscleanair.org/burnban](http://www.pscleanair.org/burnban)