NEWS RELEASE
May 20th 2019

MASSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS’ OFFICE
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TO: KMAS, KRXY, SHELTON-MASON COUNTY JOURNAL, THE OLYMPIAN,
SHELTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, NORTH MASON CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE, CITY OF SHELTON, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL,
THE SUN

RE: Mason County Burn Restrictions

COUNTY-WIDE BURN RESTRICTIONS *
EFFECTIVE 8:00 AM – THURSDAY MAY 23rd 2019
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Mason County Community Services - Fire Marshal, in partnership with the Mason County Fire
Chiefs' Association, has determined that current weather conditions within the County have
created substantial fire dangers, and that there is a need to enact RESTRICTIONS on outdoor
burning to all lands regulated by Mason County. These BURN RESTRICTIONS apply to Land
Clearing Fires and Residential Debris Fires. Recreational Fires, in designed concrete, stone, or
metal pits like those commonly found in campgrounds are still permitted as well as the use of
charcoal briquettes, gas and propane barbeques.

*Lands protected by Department of Natural Resources (DNR) may have different restrictions. To
find out more information or determine if you are in a Department of Natural Resources area visit
www.dnr.wa.gov or call the DNR South Puget Sound Region at 360-825-1631.

Recreational fires must:
- Be built in a metal or concrete fire pit, such as those typically found in designated
campgrounds; and not be used as debris disposal;
- Grow no larger than three feet in diameter;
- Be located in a clear spot free from any vegetation for at least 10 feet in a horizontal
direction, including at least 25 feet away from any structure and allow 20-foot vertical
clearance from overhanging branches;
- Be attended at all times by an alert individual and equipment capable of extinguishing the
fire with a shovel and a 5-gallon bucket of water or with a connected and charged water
hose.
- Completely extinguish campfires by pouring water or moist soil in them and stirring with a
shovel until all parts are cool to the touch. The use of self-contained camp stoves is
encouraged as an alternative.
- No burning when winds exceed 5 MPH.

For further information, please contact the Mason County Burn Ban Information Line at (360) 427-
7799.

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