

# Moderate Fire Danger – prohibited activities

Jefferson County Fire and Rescue issued a MODERATE fire danger warning for all of Jefferson County on May 8, 2026. This includes Port Ludlow. As explained on the Fire and Rescue website, “The MODERATE (Blue) fire danger level will remain in effect until atmospheric and field conditions improve for a sustained period and the risks to residents, property, and emergency responders decrease to acceptable levels. Based on current forecasts, a minimum MODERATE level is expected to remain in place until at least September 30, 2026. Conditions will be monitored continuously, and fire danger levels are likely to be further elevated as the season progresses.”

“No recreational wood fires, no yard debris or land clearing burning, no open flame devices such as tiki torches, liquid fuel candles, or lanterns, no gas or propane fire weed burners.” The following are allowed, “Gas or propane fueled appliances, enclosed wood, pellet, charcoal, or solid fuel cooking at a private residences.”

Please take this warning seriously. When the conditions and fire danger level change, the board will send out another eblast letting you know what is allowed or prohibited. Thank you for helping keep our community safe and green.

For more information, go to Jefferson County Fire and Rescue (Local Burning Guide – East Jefferson Fire Rescue)

## **Prohibited devices/ activities: Burn barrels, land clearing or yard debris burning, sky lanterns**

- Recreational fires are allowed in permanent or portable barbecues, outdoor fireplaces, or grills. Portable fire pits, fireplaces, and chimineas are allowed when placed on non combustible surfaces, or when surrounding combustible material is cleared down to mineral soil for at least 1.5 feet around the device.
- Only natural wood may be used, and fuel must not extend outside the device.
- All fires must be constantly attended until fully extinguished.

In summary, recreational burning, or “campfires,” are allowed during a MODERATE fire danger level, and all barbecue appliances may continue to be used. Brush, yard debris, and land clearing fires remain restricted until a LOW fire danger level is re-established.

## **Duration of Restrictions**

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