



THE GATEWAY

Wilkeson, Washington
Town Newsletter
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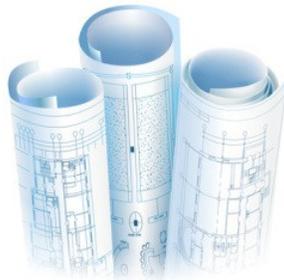
Our Spring Clean up is April 18th & 19th

We will have three dumpsters available.
Dumpsters open from 9-5 Saturday
and 8-12 (or until full) on Sunday

NO Paint, Batteries or Appliances. **NO** TV's, Computer Monitors or Towers please.
For info on how to dispose of these items, call town hall at 360-829-0790

Want to Have a Say? Planning Commission Participants Wanted

Wilkeson is currently seeking civic minded citizens, interested in reviewing and studying planning related guidelines and projects of the Town.



We are looking for four seats to be filled. One of the four seats may be an out of town resident.

Planning Commissioners must attend monthly meetings of the Wilkeson Planning Commission, which are held the third Wednesday of each month, at 7:00 PM, at the Town Hall.

If interested, please contact the Mayor.
phone: 360-829-0790
email: mayor@townofwilkeson.com

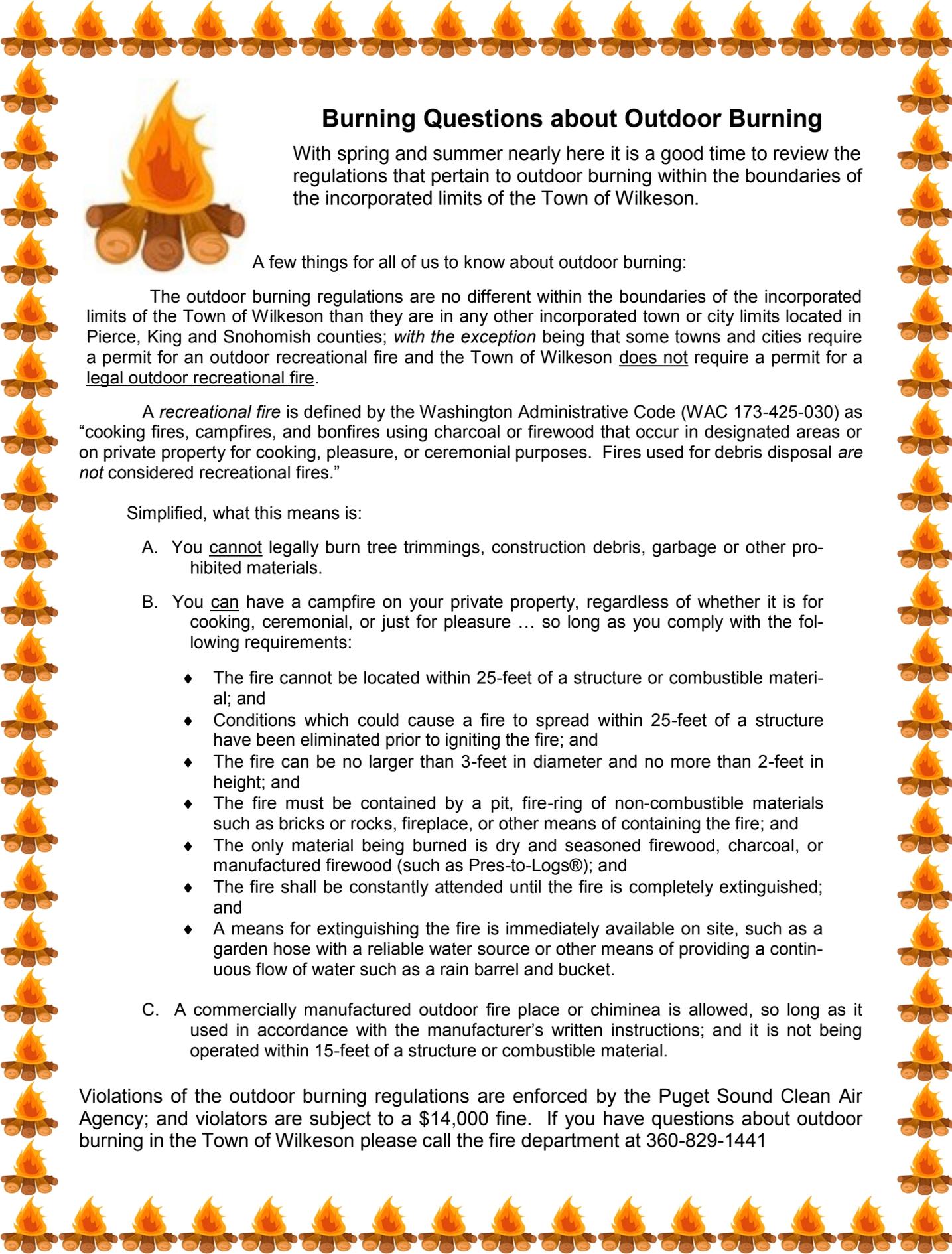
You Can Pay Your Bill On Line?

Wilkeson does not have electronic bill invoicing, nor electronic billing deposit.

But you can use your bank's internet bill paying services to pay your utility bill. Simply log on to your bank's internet banking service and look for the "Adding a Payee" feature. Supply them with our name, mailing address, phone number, and your account number ("XXXX.X"). Tell them how much you want to pay, and when you want us to have the payment. That should do it.

Your bank will then mail us a paper check. Most banks mail the check in time enough for us to get it on the date you want it paid. But check with your individual bank to make sure what their policy is.

Once you get us in their system, then every month, when you get your bill, you will need to go on line and go to your bill paying link and tell them how much you want to pay us and the date you want to pay it, and they, in turn, will mail us a check. And you don't have to buy a stamp! **Easy Peasy!**



Burning Questions about Outdoor Burning

With spring and summer nearly here it is a good time to review the regulations that pertain to outdoor burning within the boundaries of the incorporated limits of the Town of Wilkeson.



A few things for all of us to know about outdoor burning:

The outdoor burning regulations are no different within the boundaries of the incorporated limits of the Town of Wilkeson than they are in any other incorporated town or city limits located in Pierce, King and Snohomish counties; *with the exception* being that some towns and cities require a permit for an outdoor recreational fire and the Town of Wilkeson does not require a permit for a legal outdoor recreational fire.

A *recreational fire* is defined by the Washington Administrative Code (WAC 173-425-030) as “cooking fires, campfires, and bonfires using charcoal or firewood that occur in designated areas or on private property for cooking, pleasure, or ceremonial purposes. Fires used for debris disposal are *not* considered recreational fires.”

Simplified, what this means is:

- A. You cannot legally burn tree trimmings, construction debris, garbage or other prohibited materials.
- B. You can have a campfire on your private property, regardless of whether it is for cooking, ceremonial, or just for pleasure ... so long as you comply with the following requirements:
 - ◆ The fire cannot be located within 25-feet of a structure or combustible material; and
 - ◆ Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 25-feet of a structure have been eliminated prior to igniting the fire; and
 - ◆ The fire can be no larger than 3-feet in diameter and no more than 2-feet in height; and
 - ◆ The fire must be contained by a pit, fire-ring of non-combustible materials such as bricks or rocks, fireplace, or other means of containing the fire; and
 - ◆ The only material being burned is dry and seasoned firewood, charcoal, or manufactured firewood (such as Pres-to-Logs®); and
 - ◆ The fire shall be constantly attended until the fire is completely extinguished; and
 - ◆ A means for extinguishing the fire is immediately available on site, such as a garden hose with a reliable water source or other means of providing a continuous flow of water such as a rain barrel and bucket.
- C. A commercially manufactured outdoor fire place or chiminea is allowed, so long as it used in accordance with the manufacturer’s written instructions; and it is not being operated within 15-feet of a structure or combustible material.

Violations of the outdoor burning regulations are enforced by the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency; and violators are subject to a \$14,000 fine. If you have questions about outdoor burning in the Town of Wilkeson please call the fire department at 360-829-1441