

## Campfire facts and Safety Tips

Thank you for helping keep our forests green by taking the time to ensure your campfire pit is safe. Did you know that 45% of all wild land fires are caused by human carelessness? Last season alone, DNR Southeast Region responded to 40 escaped campfires totaling 130 acres! We need your help to reduce that number significantly.

**To properly extinguish your campfire, follow these easy instructions:**

1. Drown fire thoroughly with water.
2. Stir until cold
3. Drown fire again and stir.
4. NEVER leave fires unattended until completely extinguished.
5. Children under the age of 16 are not allowed to play unattended around the fire pits.

**When a fire is lit:**

- Keep 5 gallons of water, or a charged garden hose, or a 5 gallon class A fire extinguisher and a shovel on site.
- Keep fire less than 3 feet in height and diameter.

**Fire Safety and Common Sense**

- Light fires on your property , or with land-owner permission
- Do not light a campfire or burn an open fire when the wind is strong.
- Do not light a campfire or open fire when fire danger is too high (See next page).

To report a wildfire or unattended/escaped campfire:

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Or to obtain information on fire-danger levels or burn bans in your county,



For more information regarding fire prevention, please contact:

**Skagit County Fire Warden**

**Phone: 360 416-1842**

**Fax: 360 419-7705**

**Prevention today saves  
lives tomorrow**

## Proper Campfire Ring Design Guidelines



[www.skagitcounty.net/FireMarshal](http://www.skagitcounty.net/FireMarshal)

**Proper Outdoor Campfire Ring Design**

# Proper Design for Your Home Fire Pit

1 1/2 foot (18 Inch) clearance on each side of fire pit.

**Minimum Standards For A Safe Recreation/ Home Site Fire Pit**

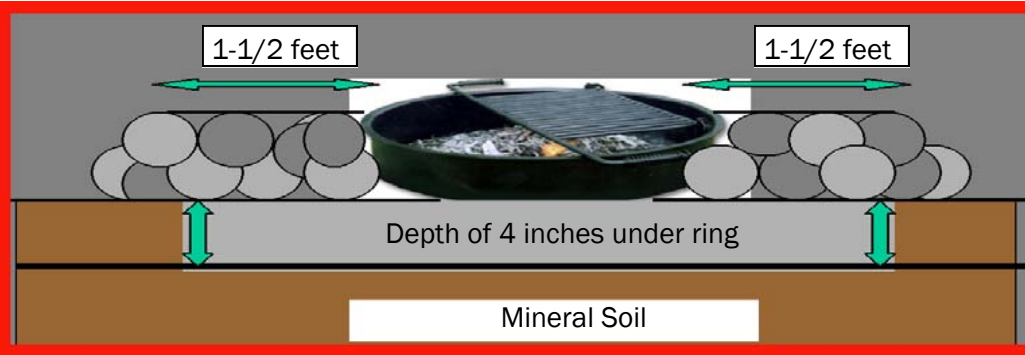
- Dig the pit down to mineral soil.
- Backfill with at least 4 inches of brick, compact gravel, concrete or equivalent materials.
- Ring must be 18 inches high & made of cement block, stones, or #10 gauge steel.
- Put a 1 1/2 foot (18 inches) radius of rock/gravel around the ring.
- Have a 10 foot radius area free of combustible material around the ring.
- Remove branches and other overhead fuels 10 feet vertically above the pit.



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Remove all combustible material down to mineral soil, no less than 1-1/2 feet (18 inches) from the perimeter of the fire ring.  
 Fill in with gravel or rock.  
 Set the ring in 4 inches deep on brick, compact gravel, concrete or equivalent materials.  
 Crown fill materials up around fire ring