

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Renton Regional Fire Authority Contact: Katie Lewis, Communications Manager <u>klewis@rentonrfa.org</u> | 206-910-5994

King County Issues Complete Burn Ban Effective September 9, 2022

Effective Friday, September 9, 2022, the King County Fire Chiefs have issued a 'Stage 2' Fire Safety Burn Ban, which prohibits recreational fires until further notice. This means all outdoor fires, including recreational campfires, fire pits, cooking fires, and ceremonial fires are prohibited until further notice due to critical fire weather.

The stage 2 burn ban is in response to the fire safety red flag warning issue today by the National Weather Service covering all of King County and the Puget Sound region. The King County Fire Chiefs, King County Fire Marshals, and jurisdictions throughout King County have joined together to issue this burn ban covering all parts of the county.

While outdoor fires are prohibited, community members may continue to utilize manufactured portable outdoor devices, such as barbeques and patio warmers, used in accordance with the manufacture's instructions. Approved fuels for those manufactured portable outdoor devices include charcoal, natural gas, or propane. Again, any recreational outdoor fires, such as a fire pit or campfire, using firewood or charcoal are prohibited.

Any person found with a recreational fire who fails to take immediate action to extinguish or otherwise discontinue such burning when ordered or notified to do so shall be charged with a misdemeanor. (IFC 109)

This burn ban will remain in effect until further notice.

About Renton Regional Fire Authority

Renton Regional Fire Authority serves the communities of Renton, Fire District 25, and Fire District 40. With a coverage area of 33.29 miles, Renton RFA provides fire and life safety services to over 135,000 community members (2021). The Renton RFA team abides by the guiding principles of professionalism, integrity, leadership, accountability, and respect, and continually works to build an organization that reflects the unique diversity of the Renton community. Learn more at www.RentonRFA.org or call 425-276-9500.

###