

Burning in Twin Lakes can be a confusing topic. Here are the latest information updates and websites effective Feb. 6, 2024 to help clarify this topic.

There are four entities which regulate outdoor burning in Okanogan County. **You must check with the first three entities before doing any outdoor burning:**

- 1) Department of Ecology - These air quality burn bans on indoor and outdoor burning **apply to the entire state** and can be put in place under certain conditions. **It is important to check their website before any burning takes place.** Here is a link to their website:

<https://ecology.wa.gov/Air-Climate/Air-quality/Smoke-fire/Outdoor-residential-burning>

- 2) Washington State Department of Natural Resources - The DNR regulates fire safety burn bans. The DNR has jurisdiction over state owned, as well as most privately owned unincorporated property in OCFD6, including Sun Mountain Ranch Club. That means **these bans apply** to Sun Mountain Ranch Club. **It is important to check the DNR website to determine whether or not a burn ban is in effect.** Here is a link to their website:

<https://www.dnr.wa.gov/OutdoorBurning>

- 3) Okanogan County - The Okanogan County Commissioners, in conjunction with their Fire Advisory Board, put into effect both burn restrictions and burn bans.

A burn restriction is generally in effect from June 15 - October 15 to reduce the potential of wildfires. Recreational burning (campfires) are permitted during this time. SMRC recommends your campfires be kept on the small size and to please have a hose ready near by. This is the driest time of the year and unattended campfires can easily turn into wildfires.

Burn bans prohibit **ALL** outdoor burning including recreational burning (campfires).

**These restrictions and bans apply** to Sun Mountain Ranch Club. **It is important to check the county website to determine whether or not a burn ban is in effect.** Here is a link to their website:

[https://www.okanogancounty.org/government/emergency\\_management/new\\_page/index.php](https://www.okanogancounty.org/government/emergency_management/new_page/index.php)

- 4) Municipalities - The Town of Twisp and the Town of Winthrop can each impose bans on outdoor burning. Because we are outside Winthrop town limits their restrictions do **not apply** to Sun Mountain Ranch Club.