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Outdoor Burning Guidelines

Outdoor burning is regulated by the Washington State Legislature. The responsibility to implement and enforce those laws and regulations is placed on counties and local fire departments. Thank you for reviewing.

Outdoor Burning Types:

- **Recreational Burning** – Cooking fires, campfires and bonfires that occur in designated areas or on private property for cooking, pleasure or ceremonial purposes.
  - Dry-seasoned firewood or charcoal ONLY
  - Must be in an approved container not less than 15' from structures (including decks/fences etc.)
  - Includes fires in chimineas, pits, similar free-standing devices
- **Residential Burning** – Burning of natural vegetation (dry leaves and clippings, pruning and storm debris etc.) that result from the maintenance of property and burned on the land that it originated.
  - Free PERMIT REQUIRED (see QR code below)
  - Only allowed OUTSIDE the Urban Growth Area (location check QR code below)

Burn Bans:

- **Fire Safety Ban –** Issued by the KC or EFD Fire Marshal to ensure safety of citizens and property.
  - Stage 1 - Residential burning prohibited, recreational fires OK
    - Always in place (No Residential Burning) July 1st – September 1st
  - Stage 2 – Residential burning AND recreational fires prohibited
    - Charcoal/gas grills, propane fire tables and other gas appliances OK (with safety precautions in place)
  - Stage 3 – Absolutely NO outdoor burning of any kind
- **Air Quality Ban –** Issued by Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA) to ensure air quality.

Other:

- Garbage (**Prohibited)** – Anything processed (from plywood to plastic)
- Land Clearing Burning (**Prohibited)** – Burning of trees, stumps, shrubbery, or other natural vegetation from land clearing projects (projects that clear land surface so it can be developed, used for a different purpose or left unused) WAC 173-425-030
- Nuisance Smoke – Smoke, odor or ash that is unreasonably impacting neighbors. It's not legal to smoke out your neighbor. Burn dry material, give it air, choose the right weather (no fog, mid-day)

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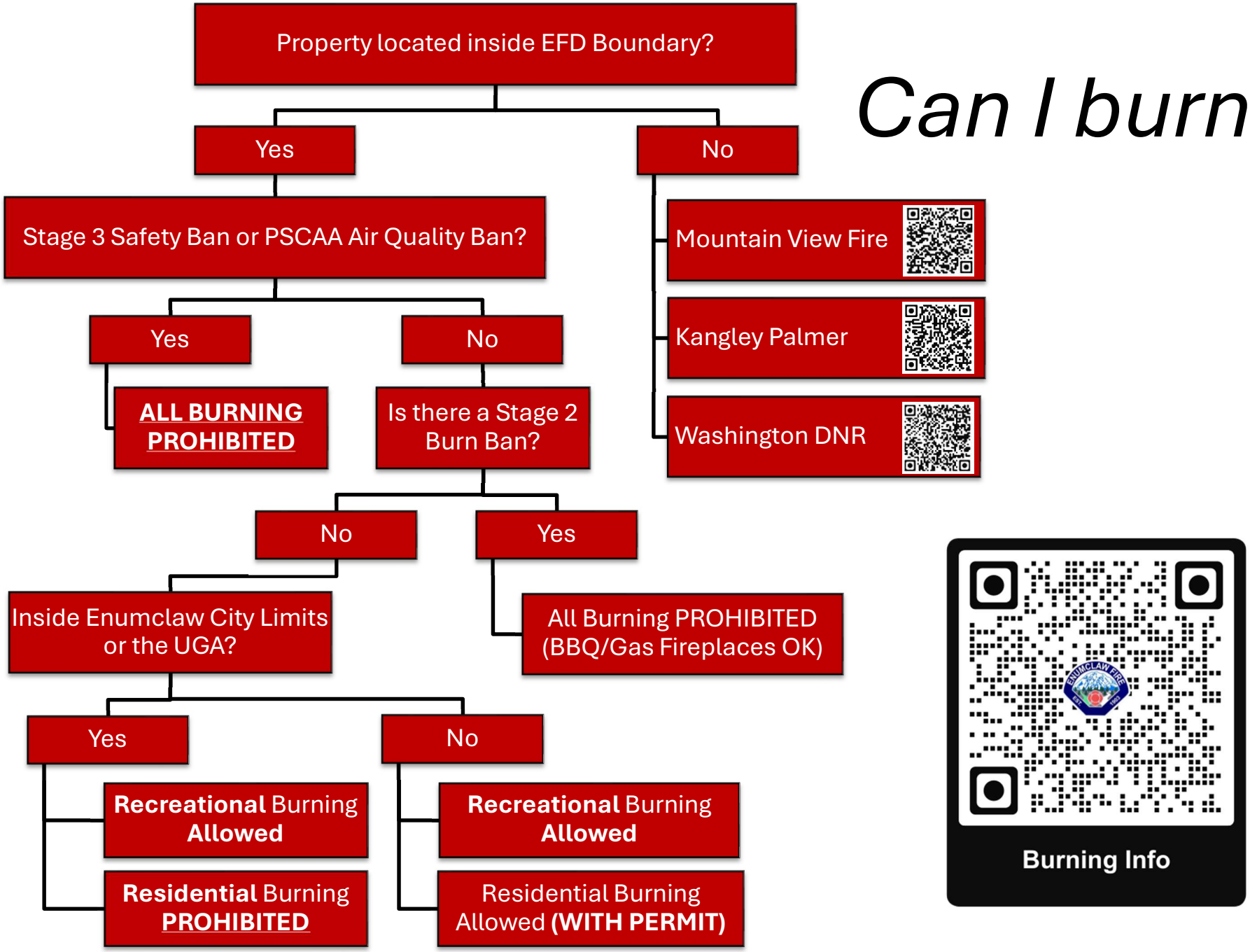
Can I burn?



Burning Info

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