



AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM YOUR FIRE MARSHAL

Dear Shoreline Resident:

Summer approaches quickly with the promise of good weather and time spent out enjoying our Puget Sound coastline. Summer also presents your Fire Department with the additional challenges of numerous complaints of beach fires and the risks of uncontrolled brush fires endangering homes. The purpose of this mailing is to inform the residents of the beach communities of the regulations involved with Beach and Recreational Fires.

The beaches of the Puget Sound's coastline within the City of Shoreline are under various ownership. The Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway owns the majority of the land. Other owners include the City of Shoreline and private landowners.

- **Recreational beach fires on private property are allowed** *with the permission of owners* when they are in compliance with State, local and air quality regulations (see reverse side).
- **Any fire on the BNSF right-of-way is prohibited at all times.** Trespassing across the BNSF tracks is also prohibited. **To report unsafe activity or trespassers on railroad property, please call BNSF Operations Center at 1-800-832-5452**
- ❖ **Fires at City of Shoreline Parks are only allowed in designated barbecue units or in a designated fire pit. (SMC 8.12.370)**
- ❖ **Presence in City parks when the park is closed is prohibited. (SMC 8.12.350)**
- ❖ **Violation of any of the rules governing use of park facilities is a civil infraction and punishable with a monetary penalty of up to \$500.00. (SMC 8.12.530) To report these types of activities, dial 9-1-1 and report it as a police activity.**

Recreational beach fires at Richmond Beach Saltwater park are illegal unless contained in the designated metal fire ring during daylight to dusk park operating hours.

- 1) If you call 9-1-1 to report a beach fire, the Shoreline Fire Department **will** respond, and if the fire is determined to be non-endangering, the fire and its keepers, will be left alone.
- 2) Shoreline Fire may decide **not to extinguish** a beach fire unless it is endangering life or property.
- 3) The Shoreline Police Department is responsible for illegal activity in the parks, **not** the Shoreline Fire Department.
- 4) The Fire Department officer in charge **may** report a non-endangering, illegal beach fire to Shoreline Police — **however**, Shoreline Fire **may not have the authority to extinguish the fire** and cannot cite the persons responsible for it.

If you have questions, please contact the Shoreline Fire Marshal's Office.

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