

F. Fire Prevention: Island property is particularly susceptible to damage from uncontrolled fires because of our extensive wooded areas and limited fire protection facilities. HMC has the authority to declare a stricter burn ban than the county, given the special conditions and inaccessibility of the island. It is, therefore, extremely important that proper precautions be taken with any open fire, including but not limited to the following:

F-1. Know and observe all requirements and restrictions on open fires imposed by Pierce County Fire District No. 16. If in doubt, check with fire district headquarters at Key Center; (253) 884-2222, **again keeping in mind that the island may be under a burn ban independent of the county.**

- (a) Completely extinguish all open fires before leaving the immediate area. (Class A)
- (b) Observe all burn bans imposed by the county or by HMC. (Class A)
- (c) Obtain the necessary fire permits from the fire district when required. (Class A)
- (d) Comply with all additional restrictions imposed by the Board during critical fire danger conditions. (Class A)
- (e) Fireworks are prohibited on Herron Island. *Exception:* Legal fireworks are permitted at the controlled, designated area at the North Beach Park on the Fourth of July only. (Class B)
- (f) Open fires are prohibited in island parks and other common areas unless specifically authorized in advance by the Board or the Island Manager or when confined to the single designated site on the beach at the North Beach Park. All open fires are subject to all restrictions imposed by Pierce County Fire District No. 16 and any additional restrictions imposed by the Board. (Class B)

F-2. Tall dry grass on the roadside is a serious fire hazard; a cigarette improperly disposed of in the grass can easily start a fire. It is the responsibility of property owners to keep such grass clean and trimmed. In the event grass is not maintained, HMC may perform the maintenance and charge the owner for the work.