

**Horizons Village Property Owners Association Prohibition on Debris Burning**  
(Adopted March 2007 and Revised June 2007 by the HVPOA Board of Directors)

**Background**

- Horizons Village is vulnerable to fire, since it is located in a largely forested area (also some areas have steep slopes (fire travels faster uphill) or are windy)
- Debris burning is the major cause of forest fires in Nelson County
- Besides the risk of accidental fires, burning has other negative environmental impacts (pollution, contribution to global warming)
- Horizons Village is subject to covenants whose purpose is to encourage a sense of community environmental values and to protect owners of Lots and the natural inhabitants against improper and undesirable use of surrounding Lots and/or Open Space land
- Environmentally preferable alternatives exist to debris burning, including piling brush for bird and wildlife habitat, and chipping
- Other nearby communities (e.g., Wintergreen) have banned debris burning

**No outside burning of wood, leaves, trash, construction debris, garbage or other refuse shall be permitted at Horizons Village.**

The following exceptions are permitted:

- Grills, for grilling food, are permitted
- Outdoor fireplaces with spark arresters are permitted
- Firebowls with covers or spark arresting screens are permitted
- Campfires that meet the following requirements are permitted:
  - contained in a pit (ca. 4 inches deep and 2 feet wide) whose edges are lined with closely packed stones
  - sited at least six feet away from shrubs, trees, overhanging branches, or other flammable objects
  - within arm's reach of at least two buckets filled with water or sand, or a working water hose
  - built when there are not high winds blowing
  - attended at all times
  - thoroughly doused with water before leaving

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