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Fire Marshal prohibits sky lanterns in unincorporated King County without a burn permit

As hot and dry weather conditions begin to increase, outdoor fire dangers increase as well. Unincorporated King County is reminding citizens that sky lanterns or Chinese lanterns, are prohibited without obtaining a local fire district burn permit.

During fire-safety burn bans sky lanterns and burn permits are also prohibited.

While sky lanterns are not classified or regulated as fireworks, they have an open flame and, as such, are regulated by the International Fire Code (section 308.2) which requires a fire permit for certain activities involving open flame, fire, and burning.

Please contact your local jurisdiction for requirements or to learn more.

For more information, visit the King County Department of Permitting and Environmental Services Fire Marshal website at:

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/property/FireMarshal/BurnBanInfo.aspx>

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