

Bainbridge Fire Press Release

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## Bainbridge Island, WA –

## Fire Officials Impose Ban on Consumer Fireworks

Due to historic hot, dry weather conditions and low fuel moistures, fire officials are imposing a ban on all consumer fireworks on Bainbridge Island. These extreme fire conditions have not been seen in the area for decades. The Fire Department has already responded to a number of brush fires in the last several days.

The Bainbridge Island Municipal Code Section 8.28.100 provides fire officials the ability to prohibit the discharge of fireworks during periods of extreme fire danger. The ban is in effective immediately.

"The importance of public safety cannot be over emphasized. The banning of consumer fireworks discharge on Bainbridge Island is a proactive step in reducing fire incidents in our community." said Fire Chief Hank Teran.

At this time the ban does not include the public fireworks display in Eagle Harbor. Fire officials encourage all residents and visitors to Bainbridge Island to enjoy the public fireworks show.

If you have any questions regarding the enforcement of this ban, contact the Bainbridge Island Police Department.