

**(Effective until March 15, 2024)**

**WAC 51-54A-3304 Precautions against fire.**

**3304.5.1 Fire watch during construction.** Where required by the fire code official, a fire watch shall be provided during nonworking hours for new construction that exceeds 40 feet (12,192 mm) in height above the lowest adjacent grade.

EXCEPTIONS:     1. New construction that is built under the IRC.  
                  2. New construction less than 5 stories and 50,000 square feet per story.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 19.27.031 and 19.27.074. WSR 19-24-058, § 51-54A-3304, filed 11/27/19, effective 7/1/20.]

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**3304.1.1 Combustible waste material accumulation.** Combustible debris, rubbish, and waste material shall not be accumulated within buildings.

**3304.1.2 Combustible waste material removal.** Combustible debris, rubbish, and waste material shall be removed from buildings at the end of each shift of work.

**3304.1.3 Rubbish containers.** Where rubbish containers with a capacity exceeding 5.33 cubic feet (40 gallons) (0.15 m) are used for temporary storage of combustible debris, rubbish, and waste material, they shall have tight-fitting or self-closing lids. Such rubbish containers shall be constructed entirely of materials that comply with either of the following:

1. Noncombustible materials.
2. Materials that meet a peak rate of heat release not exceeding 300 kW/m when tested in accordance with ASTM E1354 at an incident heat flux of 50 kW/m in the horizontal orientation.

**3304.2 Spontaneous ignition.** Materials susceptible to spontaneous ignition, such as oily rags, shall be stored in a listed disposal container.

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**(Effective March 16, 2024)**

**WAC 51-54A-3304 Protection of combustible materials.**

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