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**Lewis County Lifts Restrictions on Outdoor Burning**

CHEHALIS – Outdoor burning in the unincorporated areas of Lewis County will be permitted again effective at 8:00 A.M., Tuesday, October 25. The Lewis County Commissioners and Lewis County Fire Marshal decided to lift the current burn restrictions on lands regulated by the county.

After careful review of the current and extended weather forecast, Lewis County Fire Marshal Doyle Sanford says current weather conditions have improved allowing outdoor burning, subject to an open burning application and permit.

The Fire Marshal, Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR), local fire districts and local fire departments strongly urge all Lewis County residents and property owners to be attentive to the condition of their properties through proactive fire prevention measures, such as the presence of fire-extinguishing equipment and attendance to supervise the fire until the fire has been extinguished.

Remember, outdoor burning is restricted to *only natural vegetation* from the burn site. The burning of **garbage, paper or other refuse is strictly prohibited at all times**. To obtain an Open Burning Application and Permit, you may apply on-line at <https://burnpermit.lewiscountywa.gov/> or in person at the Lewis County Fire Marshal's office.

The burning of debris in city limits and urban growth areas is prohibited at all time.

Please refer to the DNR for restrictions applying to outdoor burning conducted on DNR-protected forestlands throughout Washington, which includes state parks. You may obtain the information at [www.dnr.wa.gov/burn-restrictions](http://www.dnr.wa.gov/burn-restrictions).

The burn status will remain in effect until modified or rescinded by the county commissioners. A public announcement of any modifications will be released at that time.

To stay informed regarding the current status, please call the 24-hour automated information line at 360.740.1133.

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