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Fire control requirements vary from city to city. Following is a brief description of these requirements:

Longview Fire Department: Annual written permits must be obtained

Kelso Fire Department: Previously issued permits may be renewed by the fire department. First time permit is only after the fire department has inspected burning site. These inspections are by phone.

Castle Rock Fire Department: A written permit is not required

Kalama Fire Department: A written permit is not required

Fire District #2: Natural vegetation may be burned only after established by the Department.
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The Washington State Department of Natural Resources Regulations apply to areas other than those listed above. In this area natural vegetation may be burned within the requirements established by that Agency.