# PRESS RELEASE

The Fall period for residential backyard burning of yard and garden trimmings by the private homeowner in Clark and Cowlitz Counties will begin October 1, 1982, and extend through sundown December 15, 1982. In order to avoid confusion to the public, these dates have been extended to coincide with those set by the Oregon State Department of Environmental Quality. The burning is <a href="limited">limited</a> to natural vegetation from the yard and garden in the form of leaves, clippings, prunings and other similar vegetation, and must be conducted according to the fire safety requirements of the fire department in which the person resides. No burning will be allowed that produces nuisance conditions, or during fire hazard conditions such as very dry or windy periods. Burning will not be permitted in any fire control district after sundown. Burning will be allowed every day during this period.

Fire control requirements vary from district to district. The 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 reviewed by phoning the fire department. First time permits may be issued only after the fire department has inspected the proposed burning site. These inspections may be arranged 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 within the requirements established by the Department of Natural Resources.

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.

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Vancouver Fire Department: No written permit
Battle Ground Fire Department: No written permit
Woodland Fire Department: No written permit
Ridgefield Fire Department: No written permit
Yacolt Fire Department: No written permit
Fire Districts 1, 4, 5 & 6: No written permit for yard & garden materials
Fire Districts 1 & 6: Written permit for land clearing burning
Camas & Washougal Fire Departments: No written permit, but individuals
must call Fire Department prior to
burning.

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FOR BURNING INFORMATION CALL 696-2508.

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