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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 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.

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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.

