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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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There will be no need to call the Southwest Air Pollution Control Authority or the fire departments, with the exceptions of the Camas and Washougal Fire Departments, for daily burning information. Fire control requirements vary from district to district. Following is a brief description of these requirements: No written permit is required from the Vancouver, Battle Ground, Woodland, Ridgefield and Yacolt Fire Departments. Fire Districts Numbers 1, 4, 5 and 6 require no written permit for yard and garden materials. A written permit is required for land clearing burning in Fire Districts numbers 1 and 6; no written permit is required for such burning within Fire Districts 4 and 5 during this period. The Camas and Washougal Fire Departments require no written permit, but individuals must call the Fire Department prior to burning.

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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