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If you live in the Camas or Washougal fire districts you must call these two fire districts for daily open burning information. If you live in the fire protection districts of Vancouver, Battle Ground, Woodland, Ridgefield and Yacolt Fire Departments backyard burning of yard and garden materials does not require a permit or notification during the October 1 through December 15 approved burning period.

Open burning for any land clearing will be allowed in these populated areas during the October 1 through December 15 period. If the open burning will be taking place in Fire District #1 or #6 or in areas where the Washington State Department of Natural Resources Regulations apply a written permit is required. These same daily calls to the Washougal and Camas Fire Departments is in effect for land clearing in these areas. Open burning for land clearing is permitted only for natural vegetation grown on the property. No paper, plastic, treated wood, food wastes, leather, rubber, petroleum products, or any other substance which may emit dense smoke or obnoxious odors may be open burned as part of a land clearing.

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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: Written 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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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 ^{WRITTEN} permits may be issued only after the fire department has inspected the proposed burning site. These inspections may be arranged by phone.

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