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The Southwest Air Pollution Control Authority has jurisdiction for adopting and enforcing regulations controlling air quality within the 5 counties of Southwest Washington; Clark, Cowlitz, Skamania, Lewis and Wahkiakum. Regulations were adopted in 1968, implementing a limited outdoor burning program for each jurisdictional area.

In Lewis County, allowable open burning is strictly limited to the burning of domestic refuse\* only by the private resident of a single family or duplex dwelling and agricultural burning\*. Burning by a commercial, industrial or municipal establishment is prohibited, with the exception of land-clearing\* debris burning, which may be allowed outside city limits.

Under no circumstances is it allowable to burn garbage, animals, materials containing asphalt, petroleum products, paints, rubber products, plastics or any other substance which normally emits dense smoke or obnoxious odors.

Permits for land-clearing debris burning may be obtained from the WA Dept. of Natural Resources, Central Region, 1-800-527-3305. Other questions related to open burning may be directed to the staff of the Southwest Air Pollution Control Authority at 1-800-633-0709.

Definitions\*:

Domestic refuse - That material originating on residential property where burning is to occur. No garbage, animals, materials containing asphalt, petroleum products, paints, rubber products, plastics or any other substance which normally emits dense smoke or obnoxious odors is allowed to be burned.

Agricultural burning - the burning of natural vegetation\* in the course of controlling diseases, insects, and development of physiological conditions conducive to increased crop yield. (Field, forage grass or turf grass burning is not allowed.

Land-clearing - the removal of stumps, trees and other heavy vegetation that when removed changes the scope and the intended use of that property. Debris must have been grown on that property where burning is to occur. Only natural vegetation\* is allowed to be burned.

Natural vegetation - non-processed material grown on the lands where burning is to occur.