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The Spring period for burning of yard and garden trimmings by residents in Clark County Fire Dists. #5, #6, within the Urban Service boundary of Washougal, and all city limits within Clark County, will begin April 12, 1991 and extend through sundown, May 26, 1991. All open burning in these areas is prohibited until that time. During the burning season, no permit is required. If you live in the Camas Fire District, you must call for daily open burning information.

The following rules apply to BOTH small piles burned on the open ground AND fires contained in burn barrels:

- 1) Only natural vegetation from the residential yard and garden may be burned.

Natural vegetation is defined as leaves, clippings, prunings and other similar vegetation grown on the property where burning is to occur.

- 2) Vegetation must be burned in a pile no larger than 4 feet in diameter by 3 feet high.

- 3) Burning will be allowed every day from sunrise to sunset.
- 4) No burning of household wastes or materials not grown on the property, is allowed.
- 5) Burning of natural vegetation must be discontinued if it creates a fire hazard or nuisance condition.
- 6) No open burning is allowed by any industrial or commercial firm, or any government organization, in any area, except as provided in land clearing or agricultural pursuits, by permit.
- 7) All burning must be conducted according to fire safety requirements of the fire departments. No burning should be conducted during periods of high winds.

In other areas of the County:

- 1) Natural vegetation only from the residential yard and garden can generally be burned year round, without a permit, by following the rules.
- 2) Written burning permits are issued by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for land clearing fires larger than 10 feet across.
- 3) No open burning is allowed by any industrial or commercial firm, or any government organization, in any area, except as provided in land clearing or agricultural pursuits, by permit.

For burning regulations and written burning permit information, contact the Southwest Air Pollution Control Authority at 574-3058 (Vancouver) or toll-free at 1-800-633-0709, or the Department of Natural Resources, at 696-6644 (Vancouver) or toll-free at 1-800-527-3305, Southwest Region.