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PRESS RELEASE

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The Board of Directors of the Southwest Air Pollution Control Authority has set the dates for a Fall period for burning of yard and garden trimmings by residents in Clark County Fire Dists. #5, #6, the Urban Service area of Dist. #1, and all city limits within Clark County. The burn season is scheduled to begin on October 1, but may be delayed due to extreme fire danger. The season will extend through November 24, 1991. There may be days during this period when burning is curtailed due to air contaminant buildup or stagnant meteorological conditions. Prior to burning, individuals are asked to call the "open burning information line" at 574-0057 to confirm these dates. No permit will be required during this period. If you live within the Camas or Washougal city limits, you must call the Fire Department for daily open burning information.

The Board is asking that residents refrain from burning wet grass, leaves or other green vegetation which may create smoke nuisance conditions in local neighborhoods. The Board is also requesting residents to adhere to a schedule whereby burning will occur on odd/even days, based on the resident's house number address.

Residents should be aware that this will be the final burn season in the southern portion of Clark County. The Federal Environmental Protection Agency has designated this area as a "non-attainment area", where the amount of carbon monoxide in the air violates the national health standard. A new state law, the Clean Air Washington Act of 1991, will prohibit all open burning within areas of "non-attainment".

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 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 firms, 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 information, contact the Southwest Air Pollution Control Authority open burning information line at 574-0057 (Vancouver) or, during business hours, 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.

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The Board of Directors of the Southwest Air Pollution Control Authority has set the dates for a Fall period for burning of yard and garden trimmings by residents within all City Limits of Cowlitz County. The burn season is scheduled to begin on October 1, but may be delayed due to extreme fire danger. The season will extend through November 24, 1991. There may be days during this period when burning is curtailed due to air contaminant buildup or stagnant meteorological conditions. Prior to burning, individuals are asked to call and confirm these dates via the "open burning information line" in Vancouver at (206)574-0057, or during business hours, toll-free, at 1-800-633-0709. If you live within Kelso or Longview city limits, you should call the Fire Department for permit information.

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- 3) Burning will be allowed ~~all 3~~ days 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.
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