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PRESS RELEASE

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Open burning info. line: 574-0057  
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Because of pending legislation and overwhelming public comment, the Board of the Southwest Air Pollution Control Authority has established dates for a 1992 spring burning season for yard and garden trimmings by residents in Clark County Fire Districts #5, #6, the urban service area of District #1, and all city limits within Clark County.

This burning season was established based on a number of factors including a feeling that alternate methods of disposal were not yet entirely in place. It is likely that in some areas this will be the last season when residents can dispose of their residential natural vegetation by open burning.

The burn season is scheduled to begin April 10, 1992 and extend through sundown May 31, 1992. There may be days during this period when burning is curtailed due to air contaminant buildup, or stagnate 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.

It is important that residents refrain from burning wet grass, leaves or other green vegetation which may create smoke nuisance conditions in local neighborhoods.

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 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 and DNR. 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 around, 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 firms, 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.

### ALTERNATE METHODS OF DISPOSAL

Clark County is currently developing a comprehensive program of alternatives to open burning. Curbside pickup of natural vegetation will become available in the near future. Within the City of Vancouver there is a program currently in place where neighborhood associations are entitled to free use of a rented chipper. For more information you may contact Susan Sugg, Assistant Neighborhood Coordinator, at 696-8222.

In addition, there are a number of contractors with mobile chipping equipment in the area. These individuals will chip or grind your debris on site. These services vary in size and ability. A list is available from the Southwest Air Pollution Control Authority at 1308 NE 134th St., Suite D, Vancouver, Washington. You can pick up the list during normal business hours, or you can call in order to receive it by mail at 574-3058.

Clark County periodically operates a site for grinding debris at Mabry Pit, 8101 NE 117th Ave., Vancouver. For more information on dates, costs and times you can call 892-2121. H & H Chipping, located at 8401 NE 117th Ave., Vancouver, also takes yard debris, demolition and construction waste, stumps, etc. You can call for pricing at 574-6593.



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