Burning season planned for incorporated areas, fire districts 5 and 6

While outdoor burning of yard and garden debris is now allowed in most of the unincorporated areas of Clark and Cowlitz counties, burning remains banned in incorporated cities, Clark County Fire Districts 5 and 6, and the southern portions of Clark County Fire Districts 9 and 1.

Recent rains led to the lifting of a burn ban that affected all areas of the two counties.

Clark County Fire District 5 includes Orchards, Sifton and Proebstel, and extends northward to about NE 149th St.

Clark County Fire District 6 lies north of Vancouver, includes Felida, Salmon Creek, and extends northward to about NE 179th St. Districts 9 and 1 are in the Camas-Washougal area.

The Southwest Washington Air Pollution Control Authority has tentatively set a burning period for the incorporated and more heavily populated areas for Oct. 30-Nov. 30, but air stagnation conditions could cause changes in those dates.

Only natural vegetation grown on site can be burned, and piles are limited to 10 x 10 feet. Permits are needed for larger piles.

More information on burning rules is available from the Clark County Fire Marshall, 699-2375, or the Air Pollution Control Authority, 574-3058, 574-0057.

Air Pollution officials ask that, before burning, individuals call the open burning information line to confirm burning dates: 574-0057.

Officials also ask that residents refrain from burning wet grass, leaves or other green vegetation which could create nuisance smoke.

Even during the planned burning period, adverse weather conditions and air stagnations could cause burning to be curtailed.

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