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## OUTDOOR BURNING

### NEWS RELEASE

The Southwest Clean Air Agency (SWCAA) is initiating a public education program to inform Battle Ground residents of outdoor burning prohibition boundaries. Outdoor burning will be prohibited as of December 31, 2000 within the urban growth area of Battle Ground. Rural areas of Clark County are not affected by this impending outdoor burning ban. Robert Elliott, Executive Director, said "it is important for residents living within the Battle Ground urban growth area to know that no outdoor burning is allowed after December 31, 2000." Land clearing burning is also prohibited within this same area.

Future prohibitions will impact outdoor burning within the urban growth areas of LaCenter, Ridgefield and Yacolt. Outdoor burning will be prohibited within these areas after December 31, 2006.

The statewide outdoor burning rule also requires that outdoor burning be prohibited in all areas where "reasonable alternatives" exist for outdoor burning. The first round decision must be made before December 31, 2000 and then updated at three-year intervals after the first decision. In southwest Washington, the first round decision on areas where "reasonable alternatives" exist is proposed to be all areas where there is a population density of greater than 1,000 persons per square mile. Clark County does not have any additional rural areas affected by this proposed first phase of the "reasonable alternatives" section of the outdoor burning regulation. This proposed first phase impacts only small geographical areas adjacent to the Longview, Kelso, Centralia and Chehalis urban growth areas where burning will also be banned after December 31, 2000. There will be a public involvement and notification process associated with this proposal in Fall 2000.

The statewide rule requires that this first "reasonable alternatives" decision be updated at three-year intervals (December 2003, December 2006, etc.) to determine if new alternatives have become available and additional areas need to be added to the burning prohibited area. There will be a public involvement and notification process associated with these future evaluations.

This Washington Department of Ecology outdoor burning regulation is listed in Chapter 173-425 Washington Administrative Code (WAC) "Outdoor Burning" regulation. The Washington Clean Air Act addresses outdoor burning issues at RCW 70.94.743 through 775.







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The Southwest Clean Air Agency (SWCAA) is initiating a public education program to inform Longview and Kelso residents of outdoor burning prohibition boundaries. Outdoor burning will be prohibited as of December 31, 2000 within the urban growth area of Longview and Kelso. Rural areas of Cowlitz County are not affected by this impending outdoor burning ban. Robert Elliott, Executive Director, said "it is important for residents living within the Longview and Kelso urban growth areas to know that no outdoor burning is allowed after December 31, 2000." Land clearing burning is also prohibited within this same area.

The statewide outdoor burning rule also requires that outdoor burning be prohibited in all areas where "reasonable alternatives" exist for outdoor burning. The first round decision must be made before December 31, 2000 and then updated at three-year intervals after the first decision. In southwest Washington, the first round decision on areas where "reasonable alternatives" exist is proposed to be all areas where there is a population density of greater than 1,000 persons per square mile. This proposed first phase adds only a small geographical area adjacent to the Longview and Kelso urban growth areas where burning will also be banned after December 31, 2000. There will be a public involvement and notification process associated with this proposal in Fall 2000.

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The Southwest Clean Air Agency (SWCAA) is initiating a public education program to inform Centralia and Chehalis residents of outdoor burning prohibition boundaries. Outdoor burning will be prohibited as of December 31, 2000 within the urban growth area of Centralia and Chehalis. Rural areas of Lewis County are not affected by this impending outdoor burning ban. Robert Elliott, Executive Director, said "it is important for residents living within the Centralia and Chehalis urban growth areas to know that no outdoor burning is allowed after December 31, 2000." Land clearing burning is also prohibited within this same area.

Future prohibitions will impact outdoor burning within the urban growth areas of Napavine, Winlock, Morton, Mossyrock, Toledo and Vader. Outdoor burning will be prohibited within these areas after December 31, 2006.

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The statewide rule requires that this first "reasonable alternatives" decision be updated at three-year intervals (December 2003, December 2006, etc.) to determine if new alternatives have become available and additional areas need to be added to the burning prohibited area. There will be a public involvement and notification process associated with these future evaluations.

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