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Stage 1 Burn Ban for Clark County Ending Friday at Noon

VANCOUVER, Wash. – Due to favorable weather patterns and improving air quality in the near term, the Southwest Clean Air Agency (SWCAA) is lifting the Stage 1 Burn Ban for Clark County effective at noon on Friday, Dec. 4. SWCAA will continue to monitor weather patterns and air quality on a daily basis. We encourage the public to burn as clean as possible if heating with wood. Outdoor burning is again allowed in areas where burning has not been permanently banned; a burn permit may be required. As always, please check with SWCAA for locations where burning is prohibited, permit requirements and fire danger conditions prior to burning.

If you are going to heat with wood, please burn it as cleanly as possible to minimize the impact on your neighbors. For more information about cleaner wood burning techniques, please visit www.swcleanair.org/burnclean.html. To sign up to receive e-mail notifications of future burn bans, visit www.swcleanair.org/email.html.

The mission of the Southwest Clean Air Agency, founded in 1968, is to preserve and enhance the air quality in southwest Washington. Serving the counties of Clark, Cowlitz, Lewis, Skamania and Wahkiakum, SWCAA is responsible for protecting the public’s health through the enforcement of federal, state and local air quality standards and regulations.

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