

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
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## **Clark County Stage 2 Burn Ban Remains in Effect Until 10:00 a.m. Sunday**

**VANCOUVER, Wash.** – The current weather pattern is expected to continue through Saturday and into Sunday morning when weather conditions are forecast to return to more favorable conditions leading to improved air quality conditions. The Southwest Clean Air Agency (SWCAA) is retaining the Stage 2 Burn Ban currently in place for Clark County until 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, January 10, 2016. The restrictions on using wood stoves and fireplaces in Clark County will be lifted at that time. After 10:00 a.m. on Sunday residents may once again use their wood stoves and fireplaces, but are asked to burn as cleanly as possible. The forecast for the weekend is for short periods of rain and intermittent clearing but cold and stagnant evenings which will continue to produce poor air quality overnight. SWCAA will continue to monitor the weather and air quality and communicate any changes.

After 10:00 a.m. Sunday, for those who heat with wood, please remember that it is always illegal to produce excess chimney smoke and to smoke out your neighbor. You are burning properly when you do not see any smoke coming from your chimney. For more information about cleaner wood burning techniques, please visit [www.swcleanair.org/burnclean.html](http://www.swcleanair.org/burnclean.html).

Sunday morning after 10:00 a.m., in areas of Clark County where burning has not been permanently banned, outdoor burning will again be allowed with the proper permits. However, burning at any time adds to the air pollution levels in your local community, and residents are encouraged to seek alternatives to burning throughout the year. When outdoor burning does take

place please note that only natural vegetation may be burned and a smoke nuisance may not be caused. State law prohibits the burning of garbage, plastics, home-repair debris, and other prohibited materials at any time. Burn barrels of any kind are prohibited by state law.

Founded in 1968, the mission of the Southwest Clean Air Agency 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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