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Lewis County Lifts Restrictions on Outdoor Burning

Effective 8:00 A.M., September 18, 2019, Lewis County Board of County Commissioners and Lewis County Fire Marshal will lift the current burn restrictions on outdoor burning for all unincorporated lands regulated by Lewis County, Washington.

After careful review of the current and extended weather forecast, the Lewis County Fire Marshal has determined that current weather conditions within Lewis County have improved and will lift the restriction to allow outdoor burning, subject to an open burning application and permit.

Lewis County Fire Marshal works closely with local fire districts and local fire departments and strongly urges all county residents and property owners to be attentive to the condition of their properties through proactive fire prevention measures, such as the presence of fire-extinguishing equipment and attendance to supervise the fire until the fire has been extinguished.

Remember, outdoor burning is restricted to *only natural vegetation* from the burn site. The burning of **garbage, paper or other refuse is strictly prohibited at all times.** To obtain an Open Burning Application and Permit, you may apply on-line at <https://burnpermit.lewiscountywa.gov/> or in person at the Lewis County Fire Marshal's office.

The burning of debris in city limits and urban growth areas is prohibited at all time.

Please refer to the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for restrictions applying to outdoor burning conducted on DNR-protected forestlands throughout Washington, which includes state parks. You may obtain the information at www.dnr.wa.gov/burn-restrictions.

The burn status will remain in effect until modified or rescinded by the Board of County Commissioners. A public announcement of any modifications will be released at that time.

To stay informed regarding the current status, please call the 24-hour automated information line at 360.740.1133.

