



PRESS RELEASE

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Lewis County Emergency Burn Restrictions Remain in Effect.

The emergency burn ban will remain in effect until 8:00 A.M. Tuesday April 27, 2021. Note this is beyond the 12:01A.M. on April 23 time and date previously reported. This decision is made in cooperation with Washington State Department of Natural Resources and Clark, Cowlitz, Skamania, Pacific and Wahkiakum Counties. This restriction shall include all debris burning on lands regulated by Lewis County.

The current conditions for greater fire hazard remain, however anticipated rain forecasted for the coming weekend is expected to reduce fire danger potential.

All land clearing, residential and silvicultural burning on lands regulated by Lewis County will be restricted until the current restrictions have been lifted, EXCEPT for recreational campfires in designated campgrounds and on private lands, if built in the following manner are allowed.

- The campfire shall be no greater than 3-feet in diameter and have a ring constructed of metal, stone or brick 8-inches above surface with a 2-foot wide area cleared down to exposed soil surrounding the outside of the pit.
- The campfire shall have an area at least 10-feet around it cleared of all flammable material and at least 20-feet of clearance from overhead flammable materials or fuels.
- The campfire must be attended at all times by a responsible person at least 16-years old with the ability to extinguish the fire with a shovel and a 5-gallon bucket of water or with a connected and charged water hose.

- Completely extinguish campfires by pouring water or moist soil in them and stirring with a shovel until all parts are cool to the touch. The use of self-contained camp stoves is encouraged as an alternative.

The burning restriction **DOES** apply to applicants with a current open burning permit. New burn permits will be available Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 8:00 A.M.

The emergency burn ban will be remain in place temporarily until the conditions improve, restrictions will remain in effect until 8:00 A.M., Tuesday, April 27. All land clearing, residential and silvicultural burning will be restricted until further notice.

For further information concerning outdoor burning and/or the restrictions being imposed, please contact Doyle Sanford, Lewis County Fire Marshal, at (360) 740-2696. The Fire Marshal's office is in the Lewis County Public Services building, located at 2025 NE Kresky Avenue, Chehalis, Washington.

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