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Lewis County lifts restrictions on outdoor burning effective Oct. 9

CHEHALIS – Outdoor burn restrictions on land in unincorporated Lewis County will be lifted at 12:01 a.m. Monday, Oct. 9.

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

“I strongly urge all county residents and property owners to be attentive to the condition of their properties through proactive fire prevention measures,” said Sanford. “Always have fire-extinguishing equipment readily available and supervise all outdoor fires until they’re completely out.”

The Lewis County Fire Marshal works closely with Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR), local fire districts and local fire departments to remind citizens that outdoor burning is restricted to only natural vegetation from the burn site. The burning of garbage, paper or other refuse is always strictly prohibited. To obtain an Open Burning Application and Permit, you may apply online at <https://burnpermit.lewiscountywa.gov/> or in person at the Lewis County Fire Marshal’s office at 2025 NE Kresky Ave. in Chehalis.

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

Refer to DNR for restrictions applying to outdoor burning conducted on state-protected forestlands throughout Washington, which includes state parks, by clicking the link: www.dnr.wa.gov/burn-restrictions.

The burn status will remain in effect until modified or rescinded by the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners.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

To stay up-to-date on burn restrictions, you can call the 24-hour automated information line at 360-740-1133.

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