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Lewis County Board of County Commissioners will vote on proposed burn restrictions effective 12:01 a.m., July 1, 2025

Chehalis, Wash. – In an effort to provide greater predictability and consistency for the public and emergency service personnel, Lewis County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) will consider implementing standardized annual restrictions on outdoor burning effective from July 1 through October 15 each year. BOCC will discuss the topic on July 1, 2025 during the regular Business Meeting, see the [BOCC Calendar](#) for more information.

If approved, retroactive starting at 12:01 a.m. July 1, 2025, the Lewis County Fire Marshal will officially enact the first seasonal burn restrictions for all unincorporated areas of Lewis County. These restrictions will remain in place through October 15, 2025, unless lifted earlier by the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC).

Under the proposed annual restrictions, outdoor burning is prohibited on all lands regulated by Lewis County EXCEPT FOR recreational campfires in designated campgrounds and on private lands, if those are built in the following manner:

- 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 garden hose.
- Campfires must be completely extinguished by pouring water or moist soil in them and stirring with a shovel until all parts are cool to touch. The use of self-contained camp stoves is encouraged as an alternative.

The burn restrictions apply to applicants who currently hold an open burning permit. The current burning permit expiration date will be 12:00 A.M., Tuesday, July 01, 2025. **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 125 NW Chehalis Avenue, Chehalis, Washington.
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