



PRESS RELEASE

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Lewis County Burn Restrictions lifted

Effective 8:00AM. May 15, 2019, the Lewis County Fire Marshal will be lifting burn restrictions on all outdoor burning in Unincorporated Lewis County, Washington. Reminder, the burning of debris in city limits and urban growth areas is prohibited at all times. Please contact the Department of Natural Resources at www.dnr.wa.gov concerning Silvicultural burning on unimproved land.

After careful review of current and extended weather forecast, the Lewis County Commissioners, Community Development Director and Fire Marshal have determined that current weather conditions have improved enough to lift current burning restrictions.

The Lewis County Fire Marshal's Office and local Fire Districts are encouraging the citizens of Lewis County to be diligent in safe burning practices due to the alarming number of runaway brush fires we have experienced this year.

With the good weather and spring cleaning, it is important to take precautions to protect your property, as well as your neighbors'. Burn permits are required for any fire in excess of 3x3x2 feet. Burn permits may be obtained online at <https://burnpermit.lewiscountywa.gov/> Please follow all burn regulations.

Previous burn permits expired and were not valid during burn restrictions; updated burn permits will be required.

Outdoor burning Safety

Practice safe burning. Keep sufficient water and tools available. Have a charged garden hose long enough to reach around the fire and a shovel or rake on site.

Burn only when winds are calm or light and do not exceed 10 miles per hour.

Keep a fire break clear of grass and debris. The rule of thumb is 1.5 times the height of the fire. Burn piles should be a minimum 25 feet away from any structures or standing timber.

Never leave a fire unattended, even a small breeze can cause the fire to spread quickly. There should always be at least one person 16 years or older capable of putting out the fire on site.

Completely extinguish the fire with water to the point where coals are cool to the touch.