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Lewis County Burn Restrictions Modified – To Allow Recreational Fires and Solid Fuel BBQ Use

Effective 8:00 A.M., September 22, 2021, the Lewis County Fire Marshal will be modifying burn restrictions on outdoor burning to allow recreational fires and solid fuel BBQs for all lands regulated by Lewis County, Washington.

After careful review of the current and extended weather forecast, the Lewis County Commissioners, Community Development Director and Fire Marshal have determined that current weather conditions within Lewis County have improved enough to modify current burning restrictions. Recreational campfires and use of solid fuel BBQs are allowed at this time. Recreational campfires in designated campgrounds and on private lands are allowed, if 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 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.

This burn modification **DOES NOT** allow for open burning. *Burn permits are still not valid at this time*.

The burning restrictions will remain in effect until such discontinuance is modified or rescinded by the Board of County Commissioners. A public announcement of the lifting of the burn restrictions will be released to the public at that time.

To stay informed regarding the current status, please call the 24-hour automated information line at 360.740.1133. The Fire Marshal's office is in the Lewis County Public Services Building, located at 2025 NE Kresky Avenue, Chehalis, Washington. https://lewiscountywa.gov/departments/community-development/

For additional information for burn restrictions on lands regulated by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR), please visit https://burnportal.dnr.wa.gov/.