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Lewis County Fire Marshal modifies burn restrictions

CHEHALIS – A burn ban in unincorporated Lewis County will be modified, effective at 12:01 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 23. Recreational fires and charcoal or wood BBQs only are permitted.

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.

“Cooler temperatures and higher humidity are predicted in the region over the next several days,” said Lewis County Fire Marshal Doyle Sanford in announcing the adjustment of burn restrictions. “Open burning is still not allowed and burn permits are not valid at this time.”

Burning restrictions will remain in effect until further notice.

Recreational campfires in designated campgrounds and on private lands are allowed, if built in the following manner:

- The campfire shall be no greater than three feet in diameter and have a ring constructed of metal, stone or brick eight inches above surface with a two-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 always be attended by a responsible person at least 16 years old with the ability to extinguish the fire with a shovel and a five-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.

Up-to-date information is available by calling 360-740-1133.

For additional information for burn restrictions on lands regulated by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR), [click here](#).

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