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

Effective 12:01 A.M., September 15, 2018 Lewis County Board of County Commissioners and Lewis County Fire Marshal will be modifying the current burn restrictions on outdoor burning for all lands regulated by Lewis County, Washington.

After careful review of the current and extended weather forecast, the Lewis County Community Development Director and the Fire Marshal have determined that current weather conditions within Lewis County have improved and will modify the burn restrictions to allow recreational fires and use of solid fuel BBQs throughout lands regulated by Lewis County. Recreational fires must be 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.

Open burning permits are still not valid at this time.

Please refer to the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for restrictions applying to outdoor burning conducted on DNR-protected forestlands throughout Washington, which includes state parks. You may obtain the information at www.dnr.wa.gov/burn-restrictions.

The burning restrictions will remain in effect until such discontinuance is modified or rescinded by the Board of County Commissioners.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.

The Lewis County Fire Marshal, in coordination with the Chiefs of local fire districts, strongly urge all county residents and visitors to be attentive to the conditions of their properties through proactive fire prevention measures.

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 2025 NE Kresky Avenue, Chehalis, Washington.

