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NEWS RELEASE

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Countywide Burn Restriction

MONTESANO —Effective 12:01 A.M. Wednesday, June 23, 2021; With the recent trend of warm and dry weather the Grays Harbor County Fire Marshal's office and local Fire Districts, will be enacting restrictions on outdoor burning in Grays Harbor County. This restriction includes residential yard waste and land clearing burning until conditions moderate. All residential yard waste and land clearing burning is prohibited until further notice.

The use of charcoal briquettes and recreational campfires are allowed if built in improved barbecues, fire pits or in designated campgrounds, such as those typically found in county, state parks or commercial campgrounds.

On private land, campfires are permitted with the landowner's permission if built in the following approved manner:

- The campfire shall be no greater than 3-feet in diameter and constructed of a ring of metal, stone or brick 8-inches above the ground 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.

For current information about fires on local BEACHES contact WASHINGTON STATE PARKS @ (360) 902-8844.

- On ocean beaches, recreational fires must be at least one hundred feet from the dunes, no more than four feet in diameter and no more than four feet high.
- No fires are allowed on any shellfish bed.
- Park rangers may impose additional restrictions on fires for the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the public, park visitors or staff, or for the protection of park resources.

Please contact your local fire district for further information or the Washington State Department of Natural Resources for updates on burn restrictions at 1-800-323-BURN and visit their website at www2.wadnr.gov/burn-risk. Contact ORCAA at 1-800-422-5623 or visit their website at www.orcaa.org.

For more information on local fire restrictions

Fire Districts: Emergency pages of the local telephone book

City Fire Departments: Government pages of the local telephone book

Washington State Department of Natural Resources: Pacific Cascade Regional Office at (360) 677-2025 or Olympic Region Office at (360) 374-2811

Grays Harbor County: Fire Marshal's Office at (360) 249-4222

Olympic Region Clean Air Agency: 1-800-422-5623

Olympic National Park and Olympic National Forest: (360) 665-3121

For the most current updates on burn restrictions

Contact ORCAA at 1-800-422-5623 or visit their website at www.orcaa.org.