

PRESS RELEASE

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The Southwest Air Pollution Control Authority requires permits for all commercial and industrial open burning within Clark, Cowlitz, Lewis, Skamania and Wahkiakum Counties. Small fires (under four feet in diameter) by private citizens do not require a written permit from the Authority, however there still remains the prohibition of burning certain materials. The Authority's Regulation specifically prohibit the burning of the following materials:

1. Garbage.
2. Dead animals.
3. Material containing asphalt, petroleum products, paints, rubber products, plastic or any substance which normally emits dense smoke or obnoxious odors.

All fires larger than four feet in diameter require permits from the Southwest Air Pollution Control Authority.

The Authority suggests that when individuals have some refuse that they wish to burn or are planning a project where burning is desired that the individual notify the Authority by phone or writing as far ahead of time as possible. This will aid the Authority's staff to make available the proper permit at the time when the burning will be convenient to the individuals desiring to get rid of their refuse.

To obtain the open burning permit from the Authority phone 748-8731. Give full name, phone number and address. The Authority's staff will respond as quickly as possible to each request.