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The spring period for backyard burning of yard and garden trimmings by the private homeowner in Clark and Cowlitz Counties will begin April 13, 1979, and extend through sundown May 20, 1979. The burning is limited to natural vegetation from the yard and garden in the forms of leaves, clippings, prunings and other similar vegetation and must be conducted according to fire safety requirements of the fire department in which the person resides. No burning will be allowed that produces nuisance conditions or during fire hazard conditions such as very dry or windy conditions. Burning will not be permitted in any fire control district after sundown. Burning will be allowed every day during this period; there will be no need to call the Southwest Air Pollution Control Authority or the fire department with the exceptions of the Camas and Washougal Fire Departments, for daily burning information. Fire control requirements vary from district to district. Following is a brief description of these requirements: No written permit is required from the Vancouver, Battle Ground, Woodland, Ridgefield and Yacolt Fire Departments. Fire Districts Numbers 1, 4, 5, and 6 require no written permit for yard and garden materials. A written permit is required for land clearing burning in Fire District number 1; no permit is required for such burning within Fire District numbers 4, 5, and 6 during this period. The Camas and Washougal Fire Departments require no written permit, but individuals must call the Fire Department prior to burning. The LaCenter Fire Department requires that a written permit be obtained.

The Washington State Department of Natural Resources Regulations apply to areas other than those listed above. In this area natural vegetation may be burned within the requirements established by that Agency.