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NEWS RELEASE

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Burn Restriction

MONTESANO — Effective 12:01 a.m. Monday September 18, 2023. With the recent moderation in weather, the Grays Harbor County Fire Marshal's Office and Fire Districts are lessening restrictions on outdoor burning in Grays Harbor County. This current burn restriction on residential yard waste and land clearing burning will remain until further notice. The restriction on campfires is lifted as described below:

The use of charcoal briquettes and recreational campfires are allowed if built in improved barbeques, fire pits or in designated campgrounds, such as those typically found in local, 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 structures, overhead flammable materials and 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 information about fires on local BEACHES, contact *****
Washington State Parks: 360-902-8844

For more information on local fire restrictions

Fire Districts: Emergency pages of the local telephone book

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

City Fire Departments: Government pages of the local telephone book

Washington State Department of Natural Resources: Pacific Cascade Regional Office at 360-577-2025, or Olympic Region Office at 360-374-2800, or their Fire Center at 360-575-5089

Olympic Region Clean Air Agency: 800-422-5623

Olympic National Park and Olympic National Forest: 360-565-3121

For daily updates on burn restrictions

Contact DNR at **800-323-BURN** or visit their website at www.dnr.wa.gov/burn-restrictions

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