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NEWS RELEASE

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OUTDOOR BURNING RESTRICTIONS LIFTED

The outdoor burn ban will be lifted for all of the unincorporated areas of Island County as of 8:00 a.m., Monday, September 21, 2009.

This decision was made by the Island County Fire Marshal's Office in conjunction with Skagit County, Whatcom County and the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

If you reside within an incorporated city or town, or within an urban growth area, in Island County, please contact your local fire department for burn restriction information.

In unincorporated Island County (outside of urban growth areas), you may burn a pile four feet by four feet (or smaller) of natural vegetation without a permit. You will need to apply for a Burn Permit from the Island County Fire Warden, Fred Wefer if you plan to burn pile sizes over four feet by four feet of natural vegetation. You can leave a message for him at (360) 428-3293. He will be compiling a list of those people who require burn permits and will be contacting each person in the order their request is received.

Only natural vegetation (leaves, grass and tree trimmings) may be burned. It is never legal to burn any of the following: garbage, household trash, lumber, building construction waste or demolition debris.

The Island County Fire Marshal's Office would like to thank the public for their cooperation in supporting our fire prevention efforts during the burn ban.