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## Clark County Stage 1 Burn Ban Lifting Friday Afternoon

**VANCOUVER, Wash.** – Due to forecasted improvements in weather patterns and air quality conditions, the Southwest Clean Air Agency (SWCAA) is removing the Stage 1 Burn Ban for Clark County effective at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 28, 2011. The restrictions on using wood stoves and fireplaces in Clark County will then be lifted. At that time residents may once again use their wood stoves and fireplaces, but are asked to burn as cleanly as possible. For those who heat with wood, please remember that it is always illegal to produce excess chimney smoke and to smoke out your neighbor regardless of burn ban status. You know you are burning properly when you do not see any smoke coming from your chimney. For more information about cleaner wood burning techniques, please visit

[www.swcleanair.org/burnclean.html](http://www.swcleanair.org/burnclean.html).

As of Friday at 4:00 p.m., in areas of Clark County where burning has not been permanently banned, outdoor burning will again be allowed with the proper permits. However, all burning adds to the air pollution levels in your local community, and residents are encouraged to seek alternatives to burning throughout the year. When outdoor burning does take place, note that only natural vegetation may be burned. State law prohibits the burning of garbage, construction debris and other prohibited materials at any time. Burn barrels are also prohibited by state law.

Founded in 1968, the mission of the Southwest Clean Air Agency is to preserve and enhance the air quality in southwest Washington. Serving the counties of Clark, Cowlitz, Lewis, Skamania and Wahkiakum, SWCAA is responsible for protecting the public's health through the enforcement of federal, state and local air quality standards and regulations.

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