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## ISLAND COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL NEWS RELEASE

Due to the increase in fuel moisture levels, the Sheriff's Office will lift the ban on outdoor burning at 8:00 AM, on Tuesday, September 20, 2016.

It is important to remember that residential yard debris and land-clearing burning are permanently banned in Coupeville, Freeland, Langley, and Oak Harbor (and their urban grown areas).

All yard debris and land-clearing burning will require a permit where open burning is allowed. All written burn permits will be issued through the Island County Health Department.

To obtain a verbal permit for fires less than 4 feet in diameter, call the information Hotline at 360-240-5526 and listen to required conditions.

To obtain information about written permits for fires over 4 feet in diameter, call 360-679-7350.

Visit https://www.islandcountywa.gov/Health/EH/Burning/Pages/Home.aspx for additional permit information.

Recreational fires less than 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet high do not require a permit.

As always burning garbage and the use of burn barrels is illegal STATE WIDE and subject to fines than can exceed \$1000.00.

If your property falls under the jurisdiction of the Department of Natural Resources, please call 360-856-3500 for burn permit information.

For air quality issues call the Northwest Clean Air Agency at 360-428-1617.