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PRESS RELEASE

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ST. HELENS EXTENDS SPRING BURN PERIOD

St. Helens, Ore. – St. Helens has extended its 2019 residential spring burn period to Sunday, May 26 due to the unseasonably dry and windy conditions that limited backyard burning at the beginning of May.

Before burning anything in your yard, a burn permit must be obtained through Columbia River Fire & Rescue (CRF&R). Residential burn permits are available through CRF&R's website at www.crf.com/burn-permits.html. If you apply for a permit online and provide your email address, an automated renewal notice will be sent to you via email when your permit is about to expire. Burn permits can also be obtained at CRF&R's Administrative Office.

Burn bans may still be in effect even if you have obtained a burn permit. Always check the burn line at 503-397-4800 to find out if it is an open burn day.

Burn permits last for one year from the date of issue. However, there are only two authorized burn periods within St. Helens city limits, on the first Saturday in May for 16 consecutive days and the third Saturday in October for 16 consecutive days.

Burning household garbage, plastics, petroleum products and rubber products is not allowed. Burning may only be conducted during daylight hours.

For further information regarding the spring burn period, please see St. Helens Municipal Code Chapter 8.36 online at www.codepublishing.com/OR/sthelens/ or contact the Columbia River Fire and Rescue's Administrative Office at 503-397-2990.

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For further information regarding the City of St. Helens spring burn period, please contact City Recorder Kathy Payne at 503-366-8217 or kathy@ci.st-helens.or.us.