DAVIS COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL

Davis County Sheriff's Office
800 West State Street, Farmington, Utah 84025

Special Services Division
Office: 451-4129

Reference: PRESS RELEASE ON OPEN BURNING

April 14, 2009

Distribution: All Local Fire Departments, All Local Police Departments, Davis County Health Department, Utah Division of Air Quality, News Media

Spring is upon us, and with it, yard clean up and the need to dispose of yard debris. Due to the impact on air quality, local fire departments, and in agreement with the Davis County Fire Board of Appeals, consisting of the City Fire Chiefs and County Fire Marshal in Davis County, there will **not** be a time period set aside for open burning in **Davis County** in **2009**.

Exemptions to this are as follows: Farm and horticultural operations may burn as established under current law and air quality rules. In Davis County, a farm or horticultural operation is defined as: (1) fruit orchards of 25 or more fruit trees on a continuous two acre parcel of property, or (2) agricultural activities of 2 or more cultivated acres on single, or contiguous parcels of property. They may only burn products incident to horticulture or agricultural operations, defined as: prunings, diseased plants, stubble and irrigation ditch banks. Before burning, farmers must notify their local fire department. Such fires must be contained and monitored at all times.

Homeowners may **not** burn anything, including prunings, rubbish, debris, or garbage in their yards. Such items should be shredded for mulch or hauled to the local landfill.

Recreational fires may be permitted by local ordinances, as long as they have prior authorization from the local fire department.

Campfires are only permitted in approved campgrounds where the fire-pit has been installed by a governmental agency. It is also illegal to have a campfire on the east bench of Davis County in unincorporated areas within ½ mile of any residential structure from April 1 to October 31. Fires are also prohibited east of Bountiful Blvd., within Bountiful City limits.

If you have any questions, please contact your local fire department.

Sgt. Brent Peters
Davis County Fire Marshal
Davis County Sheriff's Office