

Outdoor Burning Regulations

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Please Note: The Burning Regulations are provided on this web-site for information only. You will receive a printed copy with your Burning Permit, and that copy must remain with your Permit. A current Permit (issued for this burn season) must be obtained prior to conducting Outdoor Burning.

Under the authority of ORS 476.060, 478.960, 478.965 and 478.990, the Fire Chief hereby promulgates the following Outdoor Burning Regulations:

1. Permit required for all outdoor burning.
 - A. Includes all open burning, ground fires, pit fires, burn barrels, chimineas* (decorative metal or clay outdoor fireplace), and outdoor fireplaces.
 1. Exceptions
 - a. Propane grills/barbeques, outdoor propane fireplaces, charcoal barbeques, and charcoal-burning chimineas do not require a permit, however must be used over a developed surface.
 - b. Developed surface includes an area cleared to mineral soil for at least 10 feet in all directions, gravel, pavement, concrete, or deck.
 - B. All permits are valid only for the Outdoor Burning Season in which they were issued (fall to spring). All permits expire at the close of the Outdoor Burning Season.
 - C. Permits
 1. Separate permits are required for each separate property address.
 2. Owners, renters, guests, and contractors are each required to obtain separate permits.
 - a. A legal adult (18 years of age or older) must be present on site at all times while burning activities are being conducted.
 3. Permits are non-transferable.
 - D. Permit Fees
 1. \$10.00 for all new permits.
 2. \$ 5.00 for all renewed permits.
 3. All permits must be issued or renewed annually.
 4. Permit holders not renewing a permit within the last 3 years will be required to purchase a new permit.
 - E. All information supplied by the Permit Holder for the permit must be current, including: mailing address and contact telephone number.
 1. Rental Properties
 - a. All owner contact information must be supplied for the permit.
 - b. Rental management contact information may be supplied in lieu of owner contact information.
 2. Contractors

2. Attendance at the location of the burning activity is required until the fire is extinguished and cold-to-the-touch.
- B.** Must have water on site, delivered either through hoses or water buckets as follows:
1. Hoses must be extended to the location of the burning activity.
 2. Hoses must be connected to a water source and the water source turned-on.
 3. Hoses must be able to completely encircle the location of the burning activity.
 4. Water buckets are allowed, must have minimum amount of water so as to be able to control the fire, at the location of the burning activity.
- C.** Must have hand tool(s) at the location of the burning activity.
1. Such as a Shovel, Pulaski, garden rake, or the like.
- D.** Location of burning activity.
1. Burning must be conducted in an area cleared to mineral soil for at least 10 feet in all directions.
 2. No burning within 25 feet of any structure or vertical obstructions (trees or shrubs).
 3. Exception.
 - a. Burn pile(s) are required to be no less than 50 feet away from any structure or vertical obstructions (trees or shrubs).
- E.** Weather
1. Burning activity must be completely extinguished if sustained winds exceed 10 mph.
 2. Definition Gentle Breeze (Modified Beaufort Scale)
 - a. Wind speed 8-12 mph.
 - b. Trees in open sway very noticeably; large branches of trees in open toss; tops of trees in dense stands sway; wind extends small flag.
- F.** Burn Barrels
1. Must be used for all paper and cardboard.
 2. Screens
 - a. All openings, including the top, must be screened.
 - b. Screens are to be made of not less than 14 gauge metal wire, with holes no larger than 1/4 inch.
 3. Burning must be conducted in an area cleared to mineral soil for at least 10 feet in all directions.
- G.** Burn Piles
1. For natural vegetation and clean, whole wood construction material only.
 2. Shall not exceed 4 feet in diameter and 4 feet in height.
 3. Burning must be conducted in an area cleared to mineral soil for at least 10 feet in all directions.
- H.** Recreational Fires
1. All Outdoor Burning Regulations apply with the following exception:

- a. When permitted by the Fire Chief, recreational fires are allowed after dusk (sunset).
- b. A request to conduct a recreational fire after dusk must be made Monday – Friday during regular District office hours, in-person or by calling (541) 923-6776, and the request must be made to a person.
- c. Voice mail messages will not be accepted as a request or the registration of a recreational fire.

6. Permitted Materials (May be burned):

- A. Natural Vegetation: yard debris (trees, shrubs, limbs, grass, etc.)
- B. Construction Debris: clean lumber only.
 - 1. Nothing that contains: paints, stains, varnish, glues, laminates (including plywood, particleboard, or chipboard), insulation, roofing materials, or any material that has been treated.
- C. Household: clean paper or cardboard only.

7. Prohibited materials (May NOT be burned):

- A. Garbage, food service waste, rubber products, tires, plastics, Styrofoam, waste oils, petroleum products, dead animals, wire insulation, carpet and/or padding, auto bodies and/or parts, and any material that creates dense smoke or noxious odors.
- B. Any construction material containing: paints, stains, varnish, glues, laminates (including plywood, particleboard, or chipboard), insulation, roofing materials, or any material that has been treated.

8. Illegal Burning

- A. In addition to a violation of any burning regulation, any burning activity that:
 - 1. Unreasonably interferes with the enjoyment of life and property and/or
 - 2. Creates a public or private hazard and/or
 - 3. Is a hazard to public safetyis illegal. Any such illegal burning will be extinguished and penalized

9. Penalties

Violation of these regulations is a Class A misdemeanor subject to imprisonment for up to one year and a fine of up to \$5,000.00. In addition, the District may recover its costs of responding to fires that have been started or allowed to spread in willful violation of these regulations. Persons who recklessly damage property of another by fire or explosion may be prosecuted for reckless burning, which is a Class A misdemeanor. The DEQ also imposes penalties for some types of illegal burning.

10. Recycling

- A. The District discourages all outdoor burning and encourages property owners and residents to recycle whenever possible.
- B. A brush disposal area is available to property owners and residents for natural vegetation and clean wood construction waste material generated from properties within the District.

