

## Open Burning

### DETERMINE IF YOU CAN BURN

DEQ has a defined burn boundary within the fire district that specifies where open burning (backyard burning) is not allowed. If you are unsure whether burning is allowed in your area, contact the Fire Marshal's Office at: (503) 742-2660 or visit: [www.clackamasfire.com](http://www.clackamasfire.com). Go to "DEQ Burn Boundary Map" found on our home page. If allowed to burn yard debris, it is not necessary to acquire a permit.

### BURNING SEASONS

Open burning is allowed only during the following dates in spring and fall:

**March 1 to June 15  
and  
October 1 to December 15**

### PROCEDURE

Call the recorded burn message (503) 742-2945 **daily** to determine if you can burn. Burning is allowed only during the specified burn times. Fires must be smoke free at the end of the specified burn times.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION AND MAPS

[HTTP://WWW.CLACKAMASFIRE.COM/OUTDOOR-BURNING-NOTICE/](http://www.clackamasfire.com/outdoor-burning-notice/)

**REMEMBER TO  
PLEASE BURN SAFELY!**

If your fire gets out of control,  
**Dial 911**

## Agricultural Burn Permit

Visit our website or contact the Fire Marshal's Office at: (503) 742-2660 for application and/or

site inspection. To qualify for an Agricultural Burn Permit, you must have an active agricultural operation on your property. The primary living must be earned from the farm or tax returns filed as a Farmer or Grower.

1. Burn piles larger than 10'X10'X10'. DEQ has imposed special air pollution regulations prohibiting slash and stump burning within six miles of an incorporated city.
2. If qualified, three-year Agricultural burn permit.
3. Agricultural operations inside DEQ prohibited burn areas.
4. In ground cooking fires, bonfires, ceremonial.

## Recreational Burning

An **occasional** campfire or cooking fire is permitted throughout the year in all areas of the fire district.

**During HIGH and EXTREME fire danger levels, recreational fires are strongly discouraged.**

1. Only the burning of seasoned, cut firewood is allowed. No trash, yard debris, or other prohibited items!
2. Firewood shall be stacked no larger than 3 ft. in diameter and 2 ft. in height.
3. Keep burn pit 25 ft. from any structure or combustible material - 10 ft. if contained in an approved barbecue pit. An approved barbecue pit is 4' in diameter and 12" in height with non-combustible sides of metal, rock, etc.
4. Complaints by neighbors of smoke disturbances warrant the immediate extinguishment of your recreational fire.
5. Comply with No.4 and 5 under *OPEN FIRE SAFETY RULES*.

## Open Burning Fire Safety Rules

1. Fires must be limited in size, be controlled, and not be a hazard to people, property, or standing vegetation.
2. Open burning shall not be conducted within 50 ft of any structure or other combustible material. Conditions which could cause the fire to spread to within 50 ft. of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition. Exception: Clearance from structures and other combustible materials may be reduced as follows:
  - a) Not less than 15 ft. when burning is conducted in an approved burning appliance such as a burn barrel.
  - b) Not less than 25 ft. when the burn pile size is one cubic yard or less in diameter.
3. No fire may be larger than 10'X10'X10'.
4. Do not use flammable or combustible liquids to start fires.
5. A garden hose connected to a water supply and a shovel or other approved fire-extinguishing equipment shall be readily available.
6. Burning material shall be constantly attended by a person knowledgeable in the use of the fire-extinguishing equipment.
7. Burning of materials in any manner where smoke or flame damages or endangers persons or property of others is prohibited.
8. All fires shall be extinguished two hours before sunset unless otherwise specified.

## Enforcement & Reporting

Burning in violation of these rules is both an Oregon Fire Code violation and a violation of DEQ Air Pollution Regulations. Failure to comply with the Oregon Fire Code is a misdemeanor under ORS 478.960 and 478.990(2).

Fees may be imposed for repeated, egregious, purposeful or any violation **during high and extreme fire danger**. Billing will be done using established hourly rates for all apparatus and staff committed. Refer to Clackamas Fire District Ordinance No. 18-01 for more details.

Violation of air pollution regulations may result in a fine of up to \$10,000 per day from DEQ.

Any fire must be extinguished by the responsible party when so ordered by the fire department if burning threatens life or property.

The person responsible can be held liable for damages to other persons or other person's property as a result of their fire.

To report illegal burning or smoke complaints, call DEQ at: (888) 997-7888. To report an out-of-control fire only, call 911. For questions regarding burning, please call the Fire Marshal's Office at: (503) 742-2660.

## DEQ PROHIBITED BURNING MATERIALS:

- Garbage
- Paper
- Plastic
- Rubber
- Wire insulation, asphalt
- Cardboard
- Construction debris
- Auto parts
- Flammable or combustible liquids
- Treated and dimensional lumber
- Animal remains
- Materials which normally emit dense smoke or noxious odors
- Slash from land clearing
- Burning of uncut or standing vegetation
- Materials transported from another location for the purpose of being burned.
- Old straw or hay
- Animal bedding debris such as saw dust or woodchips mixed with manure
- Treated lumber

**At no time are above materials to be burned.**



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# OPEN BURNING GUIDELINES



**Daily Burn Message**  
**(503) 742-2945**

**EMERGENCY DIAL**

**911**

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