

Outdoor Burning

Oregon DEQ is responsible for establishing and enforcing the regulations pursuant to open burning and air quality. If you wish to report an illegal burn, smoke, or air quality issue; file an online complaint or call DEQ at 888-997-7888.

Outdoor burning is dependent upon where you live, the time of year, and weather conditions.

Please read the following rules below prior to burning.

Fall Backyard Burning Season: October 1st – December 15th

Spring Backyard Burning Season: March 1st – June 15th

Backyard Burning

1. The designated burn seasons are March 1 - June 15 and October 1 - December 15. Persons wishing to conduct open burning operations should call 503-982-0011 or check the Willamette Valley Open Burning Announcement website on the day they wish to burn. The phone line and website will confirm whether it is a DEQ authorized burn day, including approved hours.
2. Backyard burning includes yard debris, trimmings, and clippings only. Dimensional lumber, trash, or other non-yard debris items cannot be burned at any time. Persons must ensure that combustible material is dried to the best extent possible. This includes covering the combustible material to protect from moisture and loosely stacking the material to eliminate dirt, rocks, or other noncombustible material to promote an adequate air supply within the burning pile. Source: OAR 340-264-0070
3. Backyard burning is only allowed during daylight hours and within a specified distance from a structure. Open burning shall not be conducted within 50 feet of any structure or other combustible material. Conditions, which could cause the fire to spread to within 50 feet of a structure, shall be eliminated prior to ignition. The exception is clearance from structures and other combustible materials may be reduced to not less than 15 feet when burning is conducted in an approved burning appliance such as a burn barrel, or not less than 25 feet when the burn pile size is 1 cubic yard or less in diameter. Source 2010 Oregon Fire Code 307.

If a fire starts to spread to other combustible materials or threatens structures, call 911 immediately.

Agricultural Burning

Commercial agricultural burning is allowed only on designated Oregon Department of Forestry (EDIFY) burn days, during approved hours. Agriculture burning information can be found at the Willamette Valley Open Burning Announcement website each day. The announcement will confirm whether it is an ODF authorized day, including approved hours.