



MEDFORD BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION

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Outdoor Fire Appliances and Fire Pits



Free Standing Fire Appliance



Fire Pit

The ambiance of an outdoor recreational fire in your back yard can be attractive. If you are planning to build a fire pit or use a store-bought fire appliance, please consider the following:

- **A permit is required to have a recreational fire within the Medford city limits**
- **The Oregon Fire Code requires the following:**
 - Fires in store-bought fire appliances**
 - Requires a minimum distance from structures or combustible materials of 15'
 - Requires constant supervision with a means of suppression readily available
 - Fires in fire pits**
 - Limits the size to a total fuel area of 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height
 - Requires a minimum distance from structures or combustible materials of 25'
 - Requires constant supervision with a means of suppression readily available
- **A spark arrestor screen shall be used on the fires listed above**
- **Fires shall not be conducted under the following conditions:**
 - When extreme fire danger conditions exist, as defined by the Oregon Department of Forestry. The following website will show you the current fire danger level:
<http://www.oregon.gov/ODF/FIELD/SWO/SWOfire.shtml>
 - Between October 1st and March 1st, when the ventilation index is below 400. Call 776-7007 to verify the ventilation index.
 - Fires shall be extinguished when wind speeds exceed 15 mph or temperatures exceed 90° F
- **Burning any of the following items is prohibited:**
 - Wet garbage, wire insulation, automobile parts, asphalt, petroleum products/treated material, plastic/rubber products, animal remains or animal/vegetable matter resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking or service of food, or any other material which normally emits dense smoke/noxious odors