



RESIDENTIAL DEBRIS BURNING PERMIT- FIRE DISTRICT #2

NOT VALID FOR: Commercial, Industrial or Construction Site Burning
PERMIT IS FREE OF CHARGE

Burn Site Address: _____
Street Number Street Name Zip Code

Permit Issue Date: _____ **Permit Expiration Date:** _____

**THIS PERMIT IS VALID ONLY FOR ABOVE BURN SITE ADDRESS
BEFORE BURNING CALL 541-776-7007 TO VERIFY IT IS A BURN DAY
(THE VENTILATION INDEX MUST BE ABOVE 400)**

WHEN CAN I BURN?

- March 1 through October 31, only on a burn day and when the ventilation index is above 400
- When wind speeds are predicted to be less than 20 MPH and temperatures < 90°F
- Only on a burn day. Before burning, call 776-7007 to verify it is a burn day
- Only during daylight hours. The fire shall be extinguished prior to dark
- Burning is prohibited during:**
 - Fire season
 - The months of November, December, January, and February within the Air Quality Maintenance Area (AQMA) as specified in Jackson County Ordinance 89-12

WHAT CAN I BURN?

- Yard trimmings, leaves, brush

WHAT CAN'T I BURN?

- Open burning of any types of the following items is prohibited:
 - Wet garbage - Wire insulation
 - Automobile parts - Asphalt
 - Petroleum products/treated material
 - Plastic/rubber products
 - Animal remains
 - Any other material which normally emits dense smoke/noxious odors

HOW CAN I BURN?

- Small piles (maximum 4 feet in diameter and 3 feet tall) or in a burn barrel
- Safe distance from buildings, propane tanks, etc. with ground cleared 10 feet around fire
- Keep hose and shovel near the fire
- Never leave your fire unattended

PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

- This permit is *NOT* valid for the burning of demolition debris, land clearing, and/or slash. This permit is *NOT* valid for commercial, industrial and/or construction site burning.
- The permit must be present at the burn site.
- Burning must be conducted under constant supervision of a person capable of taking corrective action.
- Fires must be extinguished if conditions develop that would cause fire spread (e.g. wind, brands or embers, etc.) or if conditions exist as defined in OAR 340-264-0060.
- **LIABILITY:** This permit does not relieve the person performing the burning from criminal or civil liability for damages arising from burning occurring under his/her control. Violations of the burning requirements may result in the issuance of a citation or civil penalty, and/or suppression costs.

PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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FOR ADDRESS, OR BURN SITE CHANGE -- CONTACT 541-774-2300

FIRE AND MEDICAL EMERGENCIES -- DIAL 9-1-1

JACKSON COUNTY Environmental Public Health

Open Burning Advisories (Yard Debris Open and Barrel Burning)

Jackson County

541-776-7007

City of Medford (**Burning debris is prohibited inside City limits**)

Wood Burning Advisory (Wood Stove and Fireplace Burning)

(Green/Yellow/Red Days)

541-776-9000

Air Quality Information

Office Hours: 8:00AM to 5:00PM Monday – Friday, or message

541-774-8207

Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

541-776-6010

- Consider alternatives to open burning, visit: <https://jacksoncountyor.org/hhs/Environmental-Public-Health/Wood-Stove-and-Open-Burning/Open-Burn-Alternatives>
- The DEQ determines when burning is allowed. The ventilation index is the National Weather Service’s indicator of the relative degree of air circulation for a specified area and time period. Basically, it is a measurement of the air’s ability to “clean” itself.
- To determine whether you are in the Air Quality Maintenance Area (AQMA), visit <https://jacksoncountyor.org/hhs/Environmental-Public-Health/Wood-Stove-and-Open-Burning/Open-and-Barrel-Burning>
- Your Burn Permit is valid from March 1st through October 31st; however, there is no residential burning of any sort allowed during fire season. Fire Season is declared by the Oregon Department of Forestry, sometime in June, and can last through October 31. Visit <https://swofire.com/category/current-fire-regulations/> to view current fire regulations.
- If fire season is declared over prior to the end of October, your current Burn Permit is valid. You do not need to have another permit issued to you for the current burn season.
- The location for open burning shall not be less than 50 feet from any structure, and provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading to within 50 feet of any structure.

EXCEPTIONS:

1. *Fires in approved containers that are not less than 15 feet from a structure.*
2. *The minimum required distance from a structure shall be 25 feet where the pile size is 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height.*

Burning is permitted only when the wind speed is predicted to be less than 20 miles per hour and the temperature is less than 90°F.