



Outdoor Fire Appliances, Fire Pits, and Fireplaces

If you are planning to use a store-bought fire appliance, build a fire pit, or build an outdoor fireplace, please follow Medford Code Section 5.550 requirements.

All Outdoor Solid-Fuel (Wood) Fires Are Subject to the Following Conditions

- Fires are prohibited when **extreme** fire danger levels declared by the Oregon Department of Forestry are in effect.
- Fires are prohibited when the Jackson County Wood Burning Advisory is declared red or yellow. Call **541-776-9000** to check.
- Fires are prohibited without a screen to prevent embers from spreading.
- Fires are prohibited when temperatures exceed 90°F or wind speeds exceed 20 mph.
- The property owner or the owner's agent must give permission to have the fire.
- **Only dry wood or charcoal briquettes are allowed to be burned.** Do not burn any material that emits dense smoke or noxious odors.



Additional Conditions for Freestanding Fireplace Appliances or Freestanding Fire Pit Appliances

- The appliance shall be used per manufacturer's safety requirements
- The appliance must be placed on a non-combustible surface or non-combustible pad
- Fireplaces or fire pits shall not be operated within 15 feet of a combustible structure or combustible material.
- Freestanding fire appliances and freestanding fire pits are not allowed on decks or patios of multi-family dwellings.



Additional Conditions for In-Ground Fire Pits

- Fire pits shall not be operated within 25 feet of a combustible structure or combustible material
- The maximum fuel package size is restricted to three (3) feet or less in diameter and two (2) feet or less in height
- Large bonfires are not allowed.



Additional Conditions for Permanent Fireplaces

- A screen must be installed on the flue to prevent embers from spreading.

