



Umatilla Rural Fire Protection District

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OPEN BURNING REGULATIONS

1. **NO** open burning after sundown including burn barrels. Burning is only allowed from 07:30 – to one hour after sunset, including smoldering piles of materials. All fires must be extinguished before being left unattended.
2. **NO** open burning when winds are **10 mph** or greater.
3. **NO** open burning if the temperature is above 90 degrees or the humidity falls below 20%.
4. Burn barrels must be constructed of metal and be in good condition and have a heavy-duty screen top. At least ten feet around the barrel must be clear of all material that could cause the fire to escape or to spread.
5. Open burning fire pits shall not be less than 50 feet from any combustible structure and shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading.
6. Recreational fires, when contained in a fire ring or non-combustible enclosure, shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material. Portable outdoor fireplaces shall not be operated within 15 feet of a structure or combustible material. LPG Fire pits shall have a 10 foot set back from combustibles.
7. **Verify** that the air quality is such that burning is allowed by **CALLING** the County Burn Line at 541-278-6397 or visiting their web page by clicking the following link:
[Umatilla County Current Burn Informational Link](#)
8. Please note: Even if it is a burn day, you are **REQUIRED** to follow the other conditions of this permit, i.e. the wind restrictions and so on.
9. Permit holders shall contact the County Burn Line information number prior to initiating a burn in order to determine the designated burn status for the day, which will be either BURN or NO BURN. Umatilla County shall make a daily determination of designated burn status. The following days shall automatically constitute NO BURN days: (1) Air stagnation days designated by the National Weather Service, or which might unreasonably impact periods of noncompliance with National Ambient Air Quality Standards for a local community, considering the meteorological and other ambient air conditions; (2) Days on which the State Fire Marshall or designated agent has prohibited burning based on general fire safety conditions.



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10. PROHIBITED MATERIALS:

- a. Petroleum products, wire insulation, automobile parts.
- b. Plastics of any kind, synthetics, rubber components, tires, asphalt shingles, garbage bags.
- c. Household garbage
- d. Construction debris or building supplies to include treated and nontreated dimensional lumber.
- e. **NO** burning of wet or slow burning debris.
- f. **NO** burning of any material that produces dense smoke.
- g. **NO** burning of anything that produces noxious odors.

11. **NO** burning of commercial waste of any sort.

Commercial waste is defined as ANY waste produced by a commercial operation. This includes landlords of rental units, businesses, industry, or any other commercial operation.

12. LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE OR INJURY

- a. The issuance of a permit does not relieve any holder or person from responsibility for liability for any injury or damage that may result from any burning.
- b. Each person may be responsible for damage to property, the cost of fighting a fire, and possibly civil or criminal penalties as a result of any burning.
- c. Under ORS 476.380(3)(b), the failure to provide adequate protection for the escape of fire and injury or damage to the property of another, constitutes prima facie evidence that the burning was not safe.

13. Any person conducting an open burn must have water and equipment available to control **THEIR** fire and **MUST BE IN CONSTANT ATTENDANCE**.

14. You may be held liable for suppression costs and damages to others' property if your fire gets out of control.

15. **YOU MUST** have and be able to produce, upon request, this fire permit.

Failure to do so may result in your fire being extinguished by the Fire Department and paying for the costs to do so.

This fire permit is in accordance with Oregon Fire Code, Section 307; Umatilla County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 91; and City of Umatilla Code of Ordinances, Chapter 4