

## What is Outdoor Burning?

Outdoor, or open, burning is defined by LRAPA as all burning conducted outdoors in open areas or other make-shift devices.

LRAPA regulates most outdoor burning within the county, with the exception of agricultural burning, forest slash burning permitted by the Oregon Department of Forestry, and fire department training burns. Below is a list of the types of burning that LRAPA regulates. Some require LRAPA-issued letter permits prior to burning, while others do not.

### Burns that require LRAPA-issued letter permits and fire department authorization

#### Construction/Demolition/Land Clearing

Burning materials that are generated by removal of debris, logs, trees, brush from any site being prepared for development; wood waste from a construction project; or wood waste resulting from complete or partial destruction of any man-made structure.

#### Commercial

Burning woody, vegetative, or dimensional wood debris actually generated or used by a commercial operation. Including: pallets and materials removed and transported from property of origin.

#### Industrial

Burning waste produced as a direct result of any manufacturing or industrial process.

#### Bonfires

Burning woody materials in a controlled outdoor fire held for celebratory, ceremonial, or entertainment purposes.

### Burns that DO NOT require LRAPA-issued permits

#### Residential outdoor burning

The burning of woody yard debris that has been generated in or around a residential dwelling. Regulated on a daily basis. Contact local fire department for permitting requirements. The outdoor burning of fallen leaves is prohibited within the city limits of Junction City, Coburg, Cottage Grove, Creswell, Lowell, Westfir, Dune City and Veneta. The outdoor burning of grass clippings is prohibited county wide. Yard debris transported from property becomes commercial waste.

#### Outdoor BBQ

Burning with a fire fueled with cut and split firewood that is sized proportionally to the amount of food being cooked.

#### Recreational fire

Burning a small fire no larger than three (3) feet in diameter and two (2) feet in height using using manufactured fire logs or clean dry natural firewood as fuel, and limited to campfires, fires in chimineas, patio fireplaces, fire pits or other similar devices on private property or in designated areas on public land. No construction, demolition, commercial, yard, or trash may be burned.

#### Religious Ceremonial

Burning legal materials in a controlled outdoor fire that is integral to a religious ceremony or ritual. If larger than 2 ft x 3 ft, an LRAPA letter permit and fire department authorization are required.

Note: Not all types of burns are allowed in all areas. See chart for more information. Check with your local city or county office for restrictions in your area.

### Burning Requirements

- Attend the fire at all times.
- Follow the daily start and stop burning times. Stop time is defined as the time the fire is extinguished.
- Burn only dry, loosely stacked debris, free of dirt, rocks and other non-combustible materials.
- Have water and tools available for controlling or extinguishing the fire.
- Outdoor burning in barrels is prohibited.
- Materials prohibited from being burned include garbage, plastics, grass clippings, wire insulation, asbestos-containing materials, automobile parts, asphalt, petroleum by-products, tires, cardboard, clothing, grass clippings, petroleum-treated materials, rubber products, animal remains, or animal or vegetable matter related to any food service or preparation, or any other material which normally emits dense smoke, noxious odors or hazardous air contaminants.

### Alternatives to burning

Whenever possible, choose other ways to dispose of yard, panel or dimensional debris. Chipping, composting and hauling to local wood waste recyclers are alternatives. Check with your local garbage hauler about the availability of curbside yard debris pick-up, or call Lane County Waste Management, 541-682-4119.



# Outdoor Burning in Lane County

LRAPA Rule Title 47 regulates  
Outdoor Burning in Lane County  
[www.lrapa.org](http://www.lrapa.org)

**Call the burning advisory line  
before you burn!**

Eugene, Springfield, Oakridge, or  
surrounding areas: 541-726-3976

Coastal Lane County: 541-997-1757



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