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**Dry Conditions Delay Outdoor Burning Season Until October 15**

At the request of the Lane Fire Defense Board, the outdoor burning season has been postponed until October 15. In March of this year, a change to the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA) Open Burning Rules moved the official start date of the outdoor burning season from October 15<sup>th</sup> to October 1<sup>st</sup>, unless delayed by extended fire season conditions. High temperatures and lack of rain have created dry conditions throughout the county, making it unsafe to burn.

“LRAPA works cooperatively with local fire departments and will prohibit outdoor burning until further notification by the fire defense board that fire conditions have changed,” said Sally Markos, LRAPA spokesperson.

Once outdoor burning season begins, Willamette Valley residents should always call LRAPA’s outdoor burning line, 726-3976, before burning to verify that burning is allowed on any given day. Coastal Lane County residents can call 997-1757 for daily outdoor burning advisories. LRAPA also recommends residents call their local fire departments for information regarding restrictions on burning in their areas before they burn. Detailed information about outdoor burning can be found at [www.lrapa.org](http://www.lrapa.org).

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