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LRAPA Board Approves Variance of Outdoor Burning rules for Springfield residents.

LANE COUNTY — On February 8, 2024, the LRAPA Board of Directors approved two temporary changes to the standard outdoor burning rules. These changes are designed to help Springfield residents affected by the January 2024 ice storm clear woody debris from their properties more easily.

The first change allows the outdoor burning season in Springfield to start immediately, bypassing the usual March 1 commencement as per LRAPA's regulations. This means for the 2024 spring season Springfield homeowners can now legally burn outdoor debris in February, provided they follow the Springfield Fire Code's safety requirements.

Furthermore, the LRAPA Board has introduced some leniency in burning wood debris from the ice storm. Recognizing the need for swift debris management, LRAPA permits the burning of "green" wood under certain conditions from February 8 until the [City of Springfield's emergency declaration](#) ends. However, this allowance could be revoked if LRAPA's air quality monitoring indicates harmful pollution levels.

Acknowledging the significant challenge storm debris presents, the Board aims to support the community's cleanup efforts while safeguarding public health against smoke's adverse effects. Residents are advised to prepare their wood for burning by splitting and seasoning it, which improves burn efficiency and reduces smoke production, mitigating air quality impacts.

Springfield residents planning to burn debris must follow the Springfield Fire Code and adhere to established smoke management practices. This includes restrictions on burning prohibited materials and burning within daily burning windows, ensuring responsible burning that minimizes effects on air quality and health.

Always check LRAPA's [Outdoor Burning webpage](#) or call the advisory line (541-726-3976) line before burning. The advisory is updated daily at 7 pm for the following day. Outdoor burning is always prohibited on lots smaller than 2 acres inside the Eugene Urban Growth Boundary

(UGB), on lots smaller than 0.5 acre inside the City of Springfield and the Springfield UGB, and within the city limits of Florence.)

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