

# Residential Burning Permit

★PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETAIN AS YOUR COPY★

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Issued: \_\_\_\_\_

Burn Site Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Expires: 06/01/2022

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Valid only for the above named resident and burn site address

## **Before Burning, Call (541)776-7007 to Verify It Is A Burn Day!**

Burn advisory is updated at 6 A.M. each day

**\*When fire season is announced by the Oregon Department of Forestry all burning, in barrels and open piles, will not be permitted.**

## BURNING REGULATIONS

### General

1. Permit is valid only on days that are specified burn days.
2. Permit is valid for residential barrel and open burning only.
3. Applicant must be in attendance of all burning until fire is completely out.
4. Adequate water must be readily available at the burn site.
5. Fire must be extinguished if sustained winds greater than 10 mph develop.
6. No burning is permitted after dark without special permission.
7. Burning must be discontinued if it is determined that smoke emissions are offensive to occupants of surrounding property or if burning creates a hazardous condition.
8. Burning is regulated by air quality and fire season declaration.
9. Individuals needing to burn slash piles should contact:  
Oregon Dept. of Forestry (541)474-3152 or (541)664-3328



### Burn Barrels

1. Burn barrel must be in good condition (free of rust holes or other signs of deterioration).
2. Burn barrel must have a heavy mesh top and draft screen with no larger than 1/4 inch holes. This must be in place during use.
3. Burn barrel must be at least 15 ft. from any building, fence, trash, grass, brush, and other combustibles.
4. Burning in barrels may only be done during authorized burn hours.

### Open Pile Burning

1. Burn piles must be limited to a size of 6 ft. in diameter and 3 ft. in height.
2. Burn piles must be 50 ft. from any building, combustible fence, or other combustible materials.  
(Not less than 25 feet when pile size is 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height.)

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- ❖ **Materials that can be burned: Yard trimmings, Leaves, and Brush.**
  - ❖ **When the materials can be burned: only on DESIGNATED BURN DAYS when the ventilation index is 400 or above and predicted wind speed of less than 10 mph.**
  - ❖ **Materials that CAN NOT be burned: Wet garbage, Wire insulation, Automobile parts, Asphalt, Petroleum products, Petroleum treated material, or any material which emits dense smoke or noxious odors. This permit DOES NOT allow the burning of commercial, Industrial, Construction, or Land clearing waste.**
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## **THIS COMPLETED PERMIT MUST BE PRESENTED UPON REQUEST**

Liability: This permit does not relieve the permittee from criminal or civil liability for damage arising from burning under his/her control. Violations of the burning requirements may result in the issuance of a citation to appear in district court. (Either ORS 477.515 or ORS 478.960 may apply) **NAME OR ADDRESS FOR BURN SITE CHANGES, CONTACT (541)582-4411.**

## **Open Burn Alternatives**

One challenge in preventing open burning is providing cost effective alternatives to burning. Even though a lot of people take pride in helping keep our air clean, still many people will continue to burn if the alternatives are too expensive and/or time consuming. Here are some air friendly alternatives to open burning.

**Rogue Disposal and Recycling:** That's right! Rogue Disposal and Recycling is now offering yard debris recycling. If it grows, it goes! They will accept any organic debris from your yard or garden (grass, leaves, clippings, garden materials). The material will be recycled into compost instead of going into a landfill! There is no cost for yard debris disposal.

Call or visit website for more information; 541-779-4161 or [roguedisposal.com](http://roguedisposal.com).

**Biomass One L.P.:** Located at 2350 Avenue G in White City, Biomass uses wood waste for primary fuel to generate electricity. Accepted materials include tree limbs, shrub and hedge clippings, and construction wood debris. They do not accept grass, pine needles, or loose leaves. They also offer a 35 cubic yard bin rental. Call or visit website for cost and more information: 541-826-9422 or [biomassone.com](http://biomassone.com).

**Hilton Fuel and Supply Co:** Drop off green yard waste, leaves, grass clippings, pruning's, and brush. Call or visit website for cost and more information: 541-664-3374 or [hiltonlandscapesupply.com](http://hiltonlandscapesupply.com)

**Jackson County Leaf Exchange Program:** If you would like to be on the donor list or recipients list, please contact Jackson County Air Quality at 541-774-7835.

### **Q: What is the ventilation index (VI)?**

**A:** The VI is the National Weather Service's indicator of the relative degree for air circulation for a specified area and time period. Basically it is a measurement of the air's ability to "clean" itself. The afternoon VI is predicted by analyzing information acquired from a weather balloon sent up early each morning from the National Weather Service in Medford (located by the airport). VI of 0-199 = poor ventilation; 200-400 = fair; 401-599 = good; and 600+ = very good!

### **Q: Why does Jackson County have poor ventilation during the winter?**

**A:** The Rogue Valley has some of the worst ventilation in the country. One of the reasons for this is winter temperature inversions. Because of our unique weather and topography, sometimes cold air becomes trapped in the valley beneath warmer air. The cooler air, because of its greater density, settles close to the ground, and the warmer air forms a blanket above it in a temperature inversion. Because the winter days are so short, often the sun can't warm the cold lower air enough for it to rise out of the valley. Pollutants such as wood smoke and automobile exhaust are trapped in this cooler lower air.

**For more information visit: [jacksoncountyor.com](http://jacksoncountyor.com)**