

SISTERS-CAMP SHERMAN FIRE DISTRICT

*“Protecting Life and Property
Through Quality Service”*

OUTDOOR BURNING REGULATIONS



**CALL 541-549-2333
BEFORE YOU BURN**

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GENERAL BURN REGULATIONS

- Current burn regulations must be on site while burning.
- You must have legal control of the property, or permission of the property owner where burning is conducted.
- The City of Sisters prohibits open debris burning in residential areas. For additional details, contact the City of Sisters at 541-549-6022 or review the ordinance at www.ci.sisters.or.us.
- Check with your Homeowner's Association for more restrictive burning regulations and/or prohibitions prior to burning.
- The ground shall be clear of combustible material for at least 10 feet beyond the perimeter of the fire in all directions.
- No burning shall be conducted when temperatures exceed 90 degrees.
- No burning shall be conducted when winds exceed 10 mph.
- Maintain minimum distances of at least 25 feet from all structures.
- Keep adequate firefighting equipment on hand at all times while burning.
- Call 541-549-2333 prior to burning to determine if burning is allowed. Recreational fires may be allowed when residential open burning is closed.
- All open burning, excluding recreational fires, must be extinguished by dusk.
- Fires shall be attended at all times by a responsible person.
- If a fire gets out of control, CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY.

RESIDENTIAL OPEN BURNING

- Fire area shall not exceed 6 feet in diameter and height, and shall not be conducted within 50 feet of a structure.
- Fires that are smaller than 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet in height shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure.
- Fires in an approved burn barrel (where allowed) shall have a spark arrestor screen with openings not greater than 1/2 inch and shall not be within 15 feet of a structure.
- All general burn regulations apply in addition to the rules above.

RECREATIONAL CAMPFIRES

- Fire area shall not be greater than 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet high; and be used for pleasure, religious/ceremonial, cooking, warmth or similar purposes. Burning of yard debris is prohibited—use seasoned firewood.
- Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material.
- The ground shall be clear of combustible material for 10 feet outside of fire in all directions.
- Recreational fires may be permitted after dark.
- All general burn regulations apply in addition to the rules above.

FIELD BURNING

- Field burning requires a burn permit from the fire department. To obtain and permit and schedule an inspection, call the Fire Marshal at 541-549-0771.
- Permits will be issued for a single burn only.
- All safety requirements shall be met prior to burning.
- Unless approved in advance, all fires shall be extinguished by dusk.
- A valid permit and current burn regulations must be kept on site.
- Site must have adequate fire suppression equipment and fire breaks for controlling the fire.
- All general burn regulations apply in addition to the rules above.

BARBECUE PITS

- Barbecue pits in outdoor locations shall be constructed of approved, noncombustible material.
- Pits shall not be located within 25 feet of structures or other combustible materials.
- All general regulations apply in addition to the rules above.

BONFIRES

- The definition of bonfire is an outdoor fire, larger than a BBQ pit, used for ceremonial purposes.
- Bonfires must be inspected by the fire department prior to igniting. To schedule an inspection, call the Fire Marshal at 541-549-0771.
- Fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material.
- The ground shall be clear of all burnable material for 10 feet in all directions beyond the perimeter of the fire.
- Fires shall be no greater than 6 feet in diameter and height and shall not contain prohibited materials.
- All general burn regulations apply in addition to the rules above.

PROHIBITED MATERIAL

(Applies to all types of burning)

- **Garbage**
- **Plastic**
- **Wire insulation**
- **Fiberglass, etc. insulation**
- **Auto bodies**
- **Petroleum based products**
- **Rubber**
- **Animal waste**
- **Food service waste**
- **Industrial waste**
- **Commercial waste**
- **Lumber products containing glue**
- **Treated lumber**
- **Hazardous materials**

DEFENSIBLE SPACE

Do you have at least **30 feet** of space surrounding your home that is **Lean, Clean and Green**?

The objective of Defensible Space is to reduce the wildfire threat to your home by changing the characteristics of the flammable vegetation.

Lean– prune shrubs and cut back tree branches, especially within 15 feet of your chimney.

Clean– Remove all dead plant material from around your home; this includes dead leaves, dry vegetation and even stacked firewood.

Green– Plant fire-resistant vegetation that is healthy and green throughout the year.

DEFENSIBLE SPACE PROVIDES A SAFETY ZONE AROUND YOUR HOME.

For additional information regarding defensible space and burning information, please refer to United States Forest Service Sisters Ranger Station at 541-549-7700 or the Oregon Department of Forestry at 541-549-2731

Additional information to make your home, property and neighborhood better protected from the threats of wildfire can be found at the following websites:

www.projectwildfire.org

www.firefree.org

<http://www.keeporegongreen.com>

www.oregon.gov/odf/centraloregon/pages/sb360.aspx

FAILURE TO HAVE A COPY OF THE OUTDOOR BURNING REGULATIONS AT THE BURNING SITE, OR FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE REQUIREMENTS, WILL BE A VIOLATION OF THE FIRE CODE.

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