

**SISTERS-CAMP SHERMAN
FIRE DISTRICT**

*“Protecting Life and Property
Through Quality Service”*

**OUTDOOR BURNING REGISTRATION &
REGULATIONS**



FOR EMERGENCIES DIAL 9-1-1

REGISTRATION & SCHEDULING A BURN

Managing Outdoor Burning Safely is everyone's job. Your Fire Department has adopted a simple, easy system for monitoring active fires in your area.

Please help us keep our community safe.

1. Create your own account at www.sistersfire.com or on the beforeyouburn.com website.

You will be registering your contact information with the Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District. Please be aware we will be using email and text messaging to communicate and normal rates will apply.

2. Create a burn day report for each day you plan to burn. Access at www.sistersfire.com or at beforeyouburn.com website.

Let us know where and when you plan to burn, and agree to the Terms and Conditions for each burn.

Fire District staff will be able to provide valuable advice before and during your burn.

3. Check your mobile phone at least hourly during your outdoor burns.

Your Fire Department staff will be monitoring conditions throughout each day, critical changes in conditions may trigger emergency updates calling for quick action on your burn.

Note: If you do not have computer access, please contact the Fire District Administration Office for help with burn permit registration. If this is outside of normal business hours (Monday-Friday 8 a.m.—5 p.m.), please call the Outdoor Burn Line at 541-549-2333, check whether burning is allowed, and leave a message with your name, address and phone number. District staff will contact you during normal business hours to help get you registered in the system.



GENERAL BURN REGULATIONS

- Register for a burn permit at www.sistersfire.com and schedule your burn online.
- You must have legal control of the property, or permission of the property owner where burning is conducted.
- The City of Sisters does not allow outdoor debris burning for residents.
- Check your Homeowner's Association regulations prior to burning.
- The ground shall be clear of combustible material for 10 feet outside of fire in all directions.
- No burning when temperatures exceed 90 degrees.
- Stop burning when winds become gusty and difficult to control.
- Keep a shovel on hand at all times while burning and make sure you have access to water.
- Recreational fires may be allowed when residential open burning is closed.
- All open burning, excluding recreational fires, must be extinguished by sundown.
- Fires shall be attended at all times by a responsible adult.
- A system or procedure to call 9-1-1
- If a fire gets out of control, CALL 9-1-1 IMMEDIATELY.

RESIDENTIAL OPEN BURNING

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

RECREATIONAL BURNING

- Fire area shall not be greater than 3 ft. by 3 ft. by 2 ft. used for pleasure, religious ceremonial, cooking, warmth or similar purposes.
- Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 ft. of a structure.
- The ground shall be clear of burnable material for 10 ft. 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/COMMERCIAL/SPECIAL

- Field burning requires a burn permit from ODF. To obtain a permit and schedule an inspection, call the ODF Sisters Office at 541-549-2731.
- Commercial or other burning that does not comply with these regulations must have a written permit.
- 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 combustible walls, roofs or other combustible material.
- All general regulations apply in addition to the rules above.

BONFIRES

- The definition of bonfire is an outdoor fire, larger than a recreational fire, used for ceremonial purposes.
- Bonfires must be inspected by the fire department prior to igniting. Call the Fire Marshal at 541-549-0771. Permit required.
- Fires shall not be conducted within 50 feet of a structure. More distance may be required.
- The ground shall be clear of all burnable material for 10 feet in all directions.
- All general burn regulations apply in addition to the rules above.

PROHIBITED MATERIAL

- **Garbage**
- **Plastic**
- **Wire insulation**
- **Auto bodies**
- **Petroleum based products**
- **Rubber**
- **Animal waste**
- **Food service waste**
- **Industrial waste**
- **Commercial waste**

HOME IGNITION ZONE CHECKLIST

Simple steps from roof to foundation to make a home safer from embers and radiant heat.

1. Clean roofs and gutters of dead leaves, debris and pine needles that could catch embers.
2. Replace or repair any loose or missing shingles or roof tiles to prevent ember penetration.
3. Reduce embers that could pass through vents in the eaves by installed 1/8 inch metal mesh screening.
4. Clean debris from exterior attic vents and install 1/8 inch metal mesh screening to reduce embers.
5. Repair or replace damaged or loose window screens and any broken windows.
6. Screen or box-in areas below patios and decks with wire mesh to prevent debris and other combustible materials from accumulating.
7. Move any flammable material away from wall exteriors—mulch, flammable plants, leaves and needles, firewood piles—anything that can burn.
8. Remove anything stored underneath decks or porches.

Visit FIREWISE.ORG for more details

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