

## REQUIREMENTS FOR OPEN BURNING

### Backyard Burning

- Call DEQ Daily Burn Message at **541-451-1904** after 8:30 a.m. each day
- Burn dried materials to reduce smoke
- Never use gasoline to start a fire
- Must be constantly attended by a responsible person until extinguished
- Shall have an attached water hose or a 4-A-rated fire extinguisher and extinguishing tools available
- Fires must be of a manageable size
- Required separations from a structure:
  - 3 ft diameter by 2 ft high piles: 25 ft
  - Burn barrels: 25 ft
  - Uncontained piles: 50 ft

### Recreational Burning

- Fires for pleasure, cooking, ceremonial, or similar purposes
- Maximum size: 3 ft diameter by 2 ft high
- Acceptable materials: Dried wood, natural dimensional lumber scraps, charcoal, propane, and natural gas
  - Burning of the above materials does not meet the DEQ definition of materials that emit dense smoke or noxious odors
- Required separations from a structure:
  - Ground placed: 25 ft
  - Portable outdoor fireplaces: 15 ft
  - Barbecue/fire pit: 10 ft
- Barbecues and fire pits must be commercially manufactured, or constructed of concrete or approved non-combustible materials

## PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL OF YOUR NEIGHBORS WHEN CONDUCTING ANY TYPE OF OPEN BURNING

The Albany Fire Department's responsibility is to protect the public from hazardous fire conditions and is not responsible for regulating or controlling smoke issues.

### Report nuisance smoke issues to Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Office of Compliance and Enforcement:

503-229-5340  
DEQ Compliance & Enforcement  
811 Sixth Avenue  
Portland, OR 97204-1390

### ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION:

EMERGENCY (Fire & Police).....9-1-1  
To Report Illegal Open Burning .....541-967-4333  
Oregon DEQ (General) .....800-349-7677  
Oregon Department of Agriculture.....503-986-4701



Albany Fire Department  
PO Box 490  
611 Lyon St. SE  
Albany, OR 97321

541-917-7700  
FAX: 541-917-7716

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Albany Fire Department  
*"Prevent and Protect from Harm"*

# Open Burning Guide for City of Albany, City of Millersburg, & Albany Fire Protection Districts

0AR 340-264-0078



Daily Open Burning Information  
Updated by 8:30 a.m.  
541-451-1904

Report Illegal Open Burning  
541-967-4333

# LEGAL OPEN BURNING

DEQ authorized "burn days"

**SPRING:** March 1-June 15

**FALL:** October 1-December 15

## No Permit is Required For:

- **Backyard Debris** which includes wood, needle or leaf materials from trees, shrubs or plants from the real property immediately adjacent to a dwelling of not more than four family living units.
- **Agricultural Burning not related** to open burning of grass seed and cereal grain field residue may require an inspection by the Albany Fire Department.

## No-cost Registration and/or Permit is Required For:

- **Bonfires** must be checked by Fire Department prior to burning.
- **Agricultural Open Burning** related to open burning of a grass seed and cereal grain residue. Must contact Oregon Dept. of Agriculture for a permit. (503-986-4701).

Albany Fire Department 541-917-7700  
Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

## DEQ Letter Permit is Required for Commercial Burning

Open burning of commercial, industrial, slash, construction, or demolition waste on a single occurrence or infrequent basis may be permitted by DEQ.

Contact Oregon DEQ for More Information  
800-349-7677

# OPEN BURNING (Any Outdoor Burning)

(OAR 340-264-0030)

## THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT COVERED UNDER OPEN BURNING RESTRICTIONS

(ORS 468A.020)

- **Recreational & Ceremonial Fires**  
When burning acceptable materials
- **Barbecue Equipment**  
When burning acceptable materials
- **Agricultural Open Burning**  
Related to agricultural operations; the growing or harvesting of crops; and the raising of fowl or animals
- **Open Field Burning**
- **Propane Flaming**
- **Stack & Pile Burning**

### The following materials must never be burned:

- Wet garbage
- Plastic
- Asbestos
- Wire insulation
- Automobile parts
- Asphalt
- Petroleum-treated materials
- Painted wood and wood treated with creosote or pentachlorophenol
- Rubber products including tires
- Animal remains
- Animal or vegetable matter resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking, or service of food
- Any other material that emits dense smoke or noxious odors

# ILLEGAL OPEN BURNING

(OAR 340-264-0110)

- **Industrial**
- **Commercial**
- **Construction**
- **Slash**
- **Demolition Waste**  
(any useless or discarded materials)
  - **Structural**
  - **Land Clearing**
- **Domestic**

Industrial, commercial, construction, slash, or demolition waste are only allowed with a **Letter Permit** issued by Oregon DEQ, subject to OAR 340-264-0050, 340-264-0060, 340-264-0070, and the requirements and prohibitions of the Albany Fire Department and State Fire Marshal.

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