Requirements for Burning

Backyard Burning

- Call DEQ Daily Burn Message line 541-451-1904 each day after 8:30 a.m.
- Burn dried materials to reduce smoke
- Never use gasoline to start your 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 x 2 ft. high piles—25 feet
  - Burn barrels—25 feet
  - Uncontained piles—50 feet

Recreational Burning

- Fires for pleasure, cooking, ceremonial, or similar purposes
- Maximum size: 3 feet diameter by 2 feet 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 feet
  - Portable outdoor fireplaces—15 feet
  - Barbecue/fire pit—10 feet
- Barbecues and fire pits must be commercially manufactured, or constructed of concrete or approved non-combustible materials

REMEMBER......BE RESPECTFUL OF YOUR NEIGHBORS WHEN YOU CONDUCT ANY TYPE OF OPEN BURNING.

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

Contact the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Office of Compliance and Enforcement directly at 503-229-5340 or in writing about nuisance smoke issues that occur in your neighborhood.

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
Office of Compliance and Enforcement
811 Sixth Ave., Portland, OR 97204-1390

ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION:
Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)……………………………..800-349-7677
Oregon Department of Agriculture....503-986-4550
Fire and Police EMERGENCY.............9-1-1
Fire Non-Emergency Dispatch.............541-967-4333

CITY OF ALBANY
FIRE DEPARTMENT
Albany Fire Department
PO Box 490
333 Broadalbin SW
Albany, OR 97321
541-917-7700
FAX: 541-917-7716
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Open Burning Guide
for Citizens of the City of Albany &
Albany Fire Protection Districts

Special Open Burning Control Areas
OAR 340-264-0078
ILEGAL OPEN BURNING

Burning Not Allowed Within the City and all Albany Fire Districts

(Waste: any useless or discarded materials

- Industrial*
- Commercial*
- Construction*
- Slash*
- Demolition Waste*
- Structural
- Land clearing
- Domestic

* Only allowed with a Letter Permit issued by the DEQ subject to OAR 340-264-0050, 340-264-0060, 340-264-0070, and the requirements and prohibitions of the Albany Fire Department and the State Fire Marshal. Call DEQ at 1-800-349-7677 for more information.

LEGAL OPEN BURNING

DEQ authorized "burn days"

SPRING: March 1-June 15
FALL: October 1-December 15

Businesses Cannot Burn Without DEQ Issued Letter Permits:

Open burning of commercial, industrial, slash, construction or demolition waste on a single occurrence or infrequent basis, may be permitted by DEQ. Call DEQ at 1-800-349-7677 for more information.

No Permit Required:

- Backyard debris 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.

No Cost Fire Dept. Registration and/or Permit Required:

Call 541-917-7700
Mon.—Fri. 8 a.m.—5 p.m.

- Bonfires must be checked by Fire Department prior to burning

- Agricultural open burning related to agricultural operations and the growing or harvesting of crops and the raising of fowls or animals

OPEN BURNING

is any burning outdoors

(OAR 340-264-0030)

THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT COVERED UNDER THE OPEN BURNING RESTRICTIONS:

(ORS 468A.020)

- Recreational fires and ceremonial fires—when burning acceptable materials
- Any barbecue equipment—when burning acceptable materials
- Agricultural open burning - related to agricultural operations and the growing or harvesting of crops and the raising of fowls or animals
- Open field burning, propane flaming, and stack and pile burning

These materials can never be open 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

Your open burning may affect your neighbor’s health.