

FIRE PREVENTION RESTRICTIONS

SPRING CLEAN-UP - TIPS

(Prior to Fire season)

If you need to burn yard debris; or use burn barrels, call your local Fire Dept. Burning permits may be required.

- Never leave a burn pile or barrel unattended.
- Fully extinguish any remaining coals and ash.
- There can be heat and no smoke!
- One day after burning, check for hold-over heat by digging several inches into the ground and CAREFULLY checking for lingering heat with bare hand. If there is heat, dig-up the ground, soak with water, and stir. Do this every day until no heat is detected.

FALL CLEAN-UP

Make sure burning is allowed, obtain a permit if necessary, and follow Spring Clean-Up tips.

FIRE SEASON

Once Oregon Department of Forestry proclaims Fire Season;

- Burning permits are required if burning is allowed in your area.
- All fires will be extinguished by 11:00 a.m.

REGULATED CLOSURE

At some point during the summer, ODF may proclaim a Regulated Closure at which time the following restrictions will apply:

Open Fires are prohibited, including campfires, charcoal fires, cooking fires and warming fires, except at the following designated locations.

- **Hood River County:** Tucker, Tolbridge, and Viento Park.
- **Wasco County:** Pine Hollow, Rock Creek, and Memaloose.

Portable cooking stoves using liquefied or bottled fuels are allowed. Open burning or burning barrels conducted in compliance with the conditions of a current and valid burning permit may be allowed.

Chain Saw Use is prohibited between the hours of 1:00 pm and 8:00 pm. Chain saw use is permitted at all other hours, if the following fire fighting equipment is present with each operating saw: one axe, one shovel, and one operational 8 ounce or larger fire extinguisher. In addition, a fire watch is required at least one hour following the use of each saw.

Use of **Motorized Vehicles**, including motorcycles and all terrain vehicles, is prohibited, except on improved roads or for the commercial culture and harvest of agricultural crops.

“Improved road” definition - “a road maintained for the use of passenger cars and which is clear of flammable debris.”

In addition when off of State and County Roads

- All motor vehicles must be equipped with one gallon of water or one operational 2 ½ pound or larger fire extinguisher, one axe, and one shovel.
- All motorcycles and all terrain vehicles must be equipped with one operational 2 ½ pound or larger fire extinguisher.

Mowing of dried and cured grass with power driven equipment is prohibited, between the hours of 10:00 am and 8:00 pm, except for the commercial culture and harvest of agricultural crops.

This is not a comprehensive list of fire prevention restrictions. For a complete list of closure information, call the Oregon Department of Forestry 541-296-4626.

What if a FIRE starts –

- **CALL 911 Immediately**
- Take safe actions to suppress the fire.
- Do not put yourself in harms way!

Fire Prevention and You...

The Oregon Department of Forestry along with Columbia Gorge wildland and structural fire fighting agencies promote and encourage interface residents to clean-up around their homes, to help their home survive a wildfire.

Because fire is a natural occurrence and our ecosystem is prone to fire at certain times of the year, fire restrictions help prevent fires before they start. This brochure will help the private landowner understand what restrictions apply to them.

Fire protection in your area comes from both the Oregon Department of Forestry –and various rural fire departments.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

The Oregon Department of Forestry Office

The Dalles	296-4626
Mt. Hood Guard Station	352-6303
White River Guard Station	544-2142

Your Local Fire Department

Mid-Col. Fire and Rescue	296-9445
Hood River	386-3939
Parkdale	352-6092
Westside – H.R.	386-7032
Juniper Flat	328-6388
Mosier Rural	478-3391
Dufur	467-2401
Cascade Locks	374-8510
Dee	354-1820
Odell	354-1648
Pine Grove	386-2900



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Are You Cleaning Up Around Your Home?

Are you burning, using a chainsaw, or a mower?

Do you have the necessary fire fighting equipment?



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