

LEARN TO BURN SAFELY

**ESCAPED DEBRIS BURNS ARE THE
LEADING CAUSE OF HUMAN-CAUSED
WILDFIRES IN OREGON.**

*IF YOUR FIRE GROWS OUT OF CONTROL,
YOU COULD BE HELD **LIABLE** FOR ANY DAMAGE OR EXPENSES.*

BEFORE BURNING

- Check with your local fire agency before you burn to see if you need a permit.
- Know the weather forecast and understand typical wind patterns in your area.
- Keep burn piles small, no larger than four feet wide by four feet high.
- Clear a 10-foot radius around your burn pile or barrel down to bare soil.
- Cover burn barrels with 14-gauge, 1/4-inch (or smaller) wire mesh.



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WHILE BURNING

- Burn only yard debris, not trash.
- Use ready-made fire starters or paper and kindling to start your fire. Never use gasoline.
- Always have water and a shovel on hand. Stay by the fire until it is out.
- Call 9-1-1 if the fire escapes control.

AFTER BURNING

- Make sure your burn pile is completely out before leaving.
- Keep an eye on where you burned. Check the area over the next several weeks to make sure there is no heat or smoke.

CAN'T BURN?

- Cover your burn pile with a tarp and wait until it is safe to burn.
- Chip, compost, or haul debris to a yard debris recycling site.



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