



## Hemp Crop Lost or Damaged Due to Fire FAQs

The conditions Oregon is facing this fire season are unprecedented. These fires pose challenges to agriculture statewide. The ODA hemp program will continue to support hemp registrants by providing guidance and resources to those affected by these devastating wildfires.

### **WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY HEMP CROP IS LOST OR DAMAGED DUE TO FIRE?**

Submit a crop loss form to the department as soon as you are aware of the loss. The crop loss form is available online: <https://www.oregon.gov/oda/shared/Documents/Publications/Hemp/HempCropLossReport.pdf>

### **WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS IF I AM CONCERNED ABOUT ASH AND SMOKE EXPOSURE TO MY HEMP?**

There is little information directly related to cannabis and smoke exposure. The closer your crop is to the fire the greater the chance of contamination. Chemicals used to fight fires cannot be removed and should not be consumed. It is not recommended to use additional chemicals to attempt to rid the hemp of smoke, this will lead to further contamination. When in doubt throw it out. If you are concerned with the safety of your product you may request additional testing services from your accredited lab. All regulatory testing requirements are still in place for the 2020 season. For unique testing circumstances please contact the Hemp Testing Specialist.

For additional information on wildfire and smoke impacts on hemp, consider registering for the Oregon Hemp Field Day hosted by Global Hemp Innovation Center at OSU on September 23. <https://agsci.oregonstate.edu/hemp>

### **HOW SHOULD I DISPOSE OF CONTAMINATED HEMP?**

Take it to a land fill or burn it when permitted by local fire regulations.

### **ARE THERE FINANCIAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR NATURAL DISASTERS?**

The USDA sponsors multiple programs including Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance (NAP), Emergency Loan Program, Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) and more. Hemp producers with coverage through the Risk Management Agency (RMA) federal crop insurance program should contact their crop insurance agent for issues in filing claims. Producers should report crop damage within 72 hours of discovering damage and follow up in writing within 15 days.

- [USDA Natural Disasters and Crop Insurance](#)
- [Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program for 2019 and Subsequent Years](#)
- [Emergency Conservation Program \(ECP\) Fact Sheet](#)
- Small Business Navigator hotline 833-604-0880, can answer questions about wildfire resources for businesses, such as accessing insurance, how to set up structural assessments of their businesses, SBA loans, etc.
- FEMA Disaster Assistance, apply online: <https://www.disasterassistance.gov>