

# Crook County Fire & Rescue Outdoor Burning Regulations

Outdoor burning (piled debris) is allowed November through June and prohibited July through October.

Residential Burning (Slash / Debris Piles)	Commercial / Construction Burning	Agricultural Burning (Field Burns)	Recreational & Warming Fires
<p>All burning inside Crook County <b>REQUIRES</b> a copy of this pamphlet at the burn site. This acts as your permit.</p> <p>Burning piles shall be attended by a responsible person(s) at all times who is equipped with adequate fire suppression equipment. Piles shall be burned during day light hours only.</p> <p>The size of the piles shall not exceed six feet in height.</p> <p>Burn piles shall not be within 25 feet of any building, vegetation or property lines.</p> <p>A 10 foot fuel break must be maintained around the pile exposing mineral soil.</p> <p>All residential burning of slash/debris is prohibited July through October.</p>	<p>All burning inside Crook County <b>REQUIRES</b> a copy of this pamphlet at the burn site. This acts as your permit.</p> <p><b>OAR 340-264-0180</b> provides for a letter permit authorization for open burning under certain circumstances in which open burning otherwise would be prohibited.</p> <p><b>OAR 340-264-0100</b> states all commercial, construction and demolition open burning is prohibited in or within three miles of the corporate city limits of Prineville.</p> <p>Burning within the Fire District boundaries is regulated by both the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Fire District. The DEQ requires an authorization prior to Crook County Fire &amp; Rescue issuing a burn permit.</p> <p><b>Contact the Bend DEQ office at 388-6146.</b></p> <p><u>After permission has been granted from the DEQ by permit application, a commercial fire permit will be issued by contacting Crook County Fire &amp; Rescue at 447-5011.</u></p> <p>Information regarding prohibited burning materials is listed below.</p> <p>Burning piles shall be attended by a responsible person(s) at all times who is equipped with adequate fire suppression equipment. Piles shall be burned during day light hours only.</p>	<p>All burning inside Crook County <b>REQUIRES</b> a copy of this pamphlet at the burn site. This acts as your permit.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Legal Description</b></p> <p>A burn permit will be given after providing Crook County Fire &amp; Rescue with a legal Township, Section and Range (TS&amp;R) description of the area that is to be burned.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Acres / Hazards / Water</b></p> <p>Please provide Crook County Fire &amp; Rescue with approximate acreage of land to be burned, as well as, what crop type and any hazards (chemical storage) that may be on site. A location of available water and the best access for firefighting apparatus to enter property is also helpful.</p> <p>Burning piles shall be attended by a responsible person(s) at all times who is equipped with adequate fire suppression equipment. Piles shall be burned during day light hours only.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Before Burning</b></p> <p>Please notify Crook County Fire &amp; Rescue prior to burning by calling 447-5011. We can notify local Fire Lookouts and 9-1-1 to advise them of your controlled burn.</p>	<p>All burning inside Crook County <b>REQUIRES</b> a copy of this pamphlet at the burn site. This acts as your permit.</p> <p>By definition a Recreational / Warming fire is burning of materials other than rubbish and prohibited materials where fuel is not contained in an incinerator or other approved container (burn barrel). The total fuel area shall be three feet or less in diameter and two feet or less in height.</p> <p>A Recreational / Warming fire shall not be within 25 feet of any building, vegetation or property lines. A 10 foot fuel break must be maintained around the area of the fire.</p> <p>Fires shall be attended at all times by a responsible person(s) with adequate fire suppression equipment and firebreaks for controlling your fire.</p> <p>State and public protected lands are subject to the regulations imposed by that management agency (Oregon State Parks, Oregon Department of Forestry, United States Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management*). Please contact them for their current burning restrictions prior to burning.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">*For contact numbers, please see the other side of this pamphlet.</p>

## Prohibited Materials (All types of burning)

Rubber products (including tires)

Plastics

Garbage

Petroleum and petroleum-treated materials

Asphalt

Industrial waste

Dead animals

Diapers

### Adequate Fire Fighting Equipment

- Adequate supply of water to control your fire.
- Bucket with dirt and/or water.
- Tools such as a shovel or hoe.

### Barbecue Pits

The Fire Codes states that barbecue pits in outdoor locations shall be constructed of approved non-combustible materials. Barbecue pits outside of buildings shall not be located within 20 feet of combustible walls of roofs or other combustible materials.

Barbecue pits shall be attended at all times by responsible person(s) with adequate fire suppression equipment.

### Safe Burning tips

1. Do not burn on windy days.
2. Burn early in the day when it is cool and humidity is high.
3. Keep adequate fire fighting equipment on hand at all times while burning.
4. Maintain a 25 foot distance from building and 10 foot fuel breaks from any combustible material.
5. Burn during daylight hours only.
6. Attend your burn at all times.
7. If your fire gets out of control **CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY!**

### Crook County Resident Burn Barrels

For burn barrels only, burning is permitted 7 days a week. Burning after dark and the burning of prohibited materials is still not allowed.

### Fire Season Exceptions (July – October)

Burning is only allowed from 7:00am to Noon. Please call 447-BURN (2576) for daily regulations during fire season.

### Materials That Shall Not Be Burned

The DEQ regulations prohibit open burning of the following materials at any time:

- Any material that creates dense smoke or noxious odors
- Asphalt
- Dead animals
- Diapers
- Garbage
- Industrial Waste
- Petroleum and petroleum-treated materials
- Plastics
- Rubber productions including tires

In or near cities of greater than a population of 4,000, the DEQ prohibits open burning of waste from commercial establishments, construction, demolition activity and land clearing.

Please see Commercial/Construction burning on opposite page for application.

### State, Public & Protected Lands

Land protected by Oregon Parks, Oregon Department of Forestry, Bureau of Land Management, United State Forest Service or Crook County Fire & Rescue are all subjected to restrictive seasonal burning regulations.

Bureau of Land Management  
416-6700

Crook County Fire & Rescue  
447-5011

Oregon Department of Forestry  
447-5658

Oregon State Parks – Prineville Reservoir  
416-0645

United States Forest Service – Ochoco District  
416-6500

### City of Prineville Burning in Burn Barrels and Open Piles Ordinance No. 1139

For burn barrels or open burn piles, within the city limits of Prineville, contact Prineville City Hall for a \$26.50 annual permit. You may contact them by phone at 447-5627.

The following guidelines must be followed:

- There must be a valid burn permit issued for the address at which the burning is taking place.
- Must be attended by someone 14 years or older at all times.
- Burn only between the hours of 7:00 am and Noon, Wednesday through Saturday.
- All burn barrels and burn piles must be completely extinguished by Noon.
- No burning upon restrictions set by the Fire Department due to fire/safety conditions.
- No burning on holidays as established by the State of Oregon.

### Burn Barrel Regulations

- Clear combustible material 10 feet from around the base of the burn barrel.
- Must be located at a minimum of 25 feet away from combustibles, structures or property lines.
- Cover the burn barrel with ¼ inch mesh screen to entrap embers.
- No holes may be in the barrel except for air holes not more than ¼” inch in diameter. Holes may not be caused by rust rot.
- Only dry paper may be burned.

### Open Pile Regulations

- May only be done in the months of October through June.
- May not exceed 6 feet in diameter and 3 feet in height.
- Must only contain dry leaves, dry wood or paper.
- Must be located at a minimum of 25 feet away from combustibles, structures or property lines in addition to a 10 foot fuel break exposing mineral soil being maintained around the pile.

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### Be a Good Neighbor!

It is against the law to conduct any burning that:

- Unreasonably interferes with the enjoyment of life or property of you or your neighbor
- Creates a public or private nuisance
- Is a hazard to public safety

***You are liable for losing control of your fire!***

***In case of emergency,  
DIAL 9-1-1!***