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Clackamas County Fire Agencies Enact Fire Restrictions

Beginning Thursday, July 28, 2022, all fire agencies within Clackamas County will enact fire restrictions, based on a recommendation made by the Clackamas County Fire Defense Board. Clackamas County fire agencies include: Aurora Fire District, Canby Fire District, Clackamas Fire District #1, Colton Fire District, Estacada Fire District, Hoodland Fire District #74, Lake Oswego Fire Department, Molalla Fire District, Monitor Fire District, Sandy Fire District #72, Silverton Fire District, Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue. Burning restrictions are authorized under [Oregon Revised Statute 478.960](#) and [Oregon Fire Code 307](#).

The burn ban prohibits all the following:

1. Backyard or open burning (branches, yard debris, etc.).
2. Agricultural burning (agricultural wastes, crops, field burning, etc.).
3. Any other land clearing, slash, stump, waste, debris or controlled burning.

The burn ban does not prohibit:

1. Small outdoor cooking, warming or recreational fires. These include portable or permanent fire pits, fire tables, and campfires, with a maximum fuel area of three feet in diameter and two feet in height in a safe location away from combustibles or vegetation and are fully extinguished after use.
2. Barbeque grills, smokers and similar cooking appliances with clean, dry firewood, briquettes, wood chips, pellets, propane, natural gas, or similar fuels.

There may be more restrictive fire safety rules within Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF)-protected land, which exists throughout much of rural Clackamas County. ODF restrictions may include prohibitions on campfires, smoking, target shooting, powered equipment, motorized vehicles, and other public/private landowner and industrial fire restrictions. More details about ODF fire restrictions are available at <https://gisapps.odf.oregon.gov/firerestrictions/PFR.html>.

Outdoor fires in violation of this restriction may be immediately extinguished. If a fire agency responds to a fire that has been started in willful violation of this restriction, the person responsible may be liable for all costs incurred, as well as legal fees per [ORS 478.965](#).

Fire Chiefs in Clackamas County encourage the public to use extreme caution with activities that could start a fire. It is everyone’s responsibility to prevent and be prepared for wildfires.