

ASHLAND FIRE & RESCUE OPEN BURNING PROGRAM REGULATIONS AND

Wildfire Fuels Reduction

1. The Ashland Municipal Code, [Chapter 10.30 - Controls on Open Burning](#), provides procedures and regulations under which open burning may be conducted. Alternatives to open burning are strongly encouraged. Chipping, composting or transport of material to a transfer station or biomass utilization facility is encouraged. The following guidelines are provided to assist with the regulation of Open Burning in the City:
2. The open burning season within the City of Ashland is March 1st until the beginning of fire season (usually June), and the first two weeks after fire season ends in the fall. The issuing of burning permits may be suspended when atmospheric conditions, such as high winds, do not support safe burning practices.
3. To open burn, a permit must be obtained from the fire department. Burn sites will be inspected by fire department personnel prior to the commencement of burning. Burn permits must be activated each day prior to conducting a burn by calling **Ashland Fire & Rescue at 541-482-2770**. For more information or to apply for a permit by phone, call during business hours: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm, Mon.-Fri.
Apply online at: <http://www.ashland.or.us/firepermits>
4. Open burning shall only be conducted during daylight hours on days when the Jackson County Open Burning **Air Quality Index is 401 or above**. Call 541-776-7007 on the day you want to burn to find out the ventilation index to see if it's okay to burn that day.
5. Adequate fire safety measures must be taken to insure that burning is performed safely:
 - A. All burning must be attended and supervised by an adult.
 - B. Piles should be constructed away from roots, stumps, and trees.
 - C. A non-combustible perimeter of 10' shall be maintained around the burning area as much as possible.
 - D. Pile size will be determined by location. Piles shall not exceed 4 feet in height or 5 feet in diameter. Additional material should be fed slowly to reduce smoke.
 - E. Drip torches may be used to start piles. Plastic used to cover piles should be removed prior to ignition.
 - F. If water is accessible, it shall be on site for extinguishing piles and preventing fire spread.
 - G. Each person working the fires shall have at least one hand tool – shovel, rake, Macleod, Pulaski – to help with fire control.
 - H. Permittee is responsible for checking burned piles to ensure that the pile is completely extinguished.
6. It is understood that due to the characteristics of the material being burned that glowing embers may continue throughout the nighttime hours. Permittees will be responsible to ensure that fires do not “creep” out of control.
7. The burning of any material which emits dense smoke or noxious odors, including but not limited to: petroleum products, rubber, plastic, Styrofoam, household garbage, is prohibited. Please be a good neighbor.
Burning in barrels is prohibited.
8. Acceptable materials for burning are restricted to native "woody debris" only. This means that no other materials will be allowed under the permit process, i.e., construction debris, etc.
9. All efforts shall be made to ensure materials are dry and readily ignitable to facilitate low smoke densities.
10. Permits will not be issued for piles which can reasonably be disposed of by other means. For example, one or two piles within 50 feet from a road could be carried to the road to be chipped or hauled away. Determination will need to be made on whether a wildfire hazard exists. For example, one pile in the middle of an empty lot 100 feet from structures or roads does not create a wildfire hazard.
11. Failure to abide by these open burning guidelines may result in permit revocation and may be considered an infraction punishable as prescribed in Section 1.08.020 of the Ashland Municipal Code.

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Noxious Weed Abatement - Blackberries

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3. To open burn, a permit must be obtained from the fire department. Burn sites will be inspected by fire department personnel prior to the commencement of burning. Burn permits must be activated each day prior to conducting a burn by calling **Ashland Fire & Rescue at 541-482-2770**. For more information or to apply for a permit by phone, call during business hours: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm, Mon.-Fri.
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4. Open burning shall only be conducted during daylight hours on days when the Jackson County Open Burning **Air Quality Index is 401 or above**. Call 541-776-7007 on the day you want to burn to find out the ventilation index to see if it's okay to burn that day.
5. Adequate fire safety measures must be taken to insure that burning is performed safely:
 - A. All burning must be attended and supervised by an adult.
 - B. Piles should be constructed away from roots, stumps, and leave trees.
 - C. A non-combustible perimeter of 10' shall be maintained from the burning area.
 - D. Pile size will be determined by location. Piles shall not exceed 4 feet in height or 5 feet in diameter. Additional material should be fed slowly to reduce smoke.
 - E. Drip torches may be used to fire piles. Plastic used to cover piles should be removed prior to ignition.
 - F. If water is accessible, it shall be on site for extinguishing piles and preventing fire spread.
 - G. Each person working the fire shall have at least one hand tool – shovel, rake, Macleod, Pulaski – to help with fire control.
 - H. Permittee is responsible for checking burned piles to ensure that the piles are completely extinguished.
6. Fires shall be out and cold to the touch by dark.
7. The burning of any material which emits dense smoke or noxious odors, including but not limited to: petroleum products, rubber, plastic, Styrofoam, household garbage, is prohibited. Please be a good neighbor.
Burning in barrels is prohibited.
8. Acceptable materials for burning are restricted to **blackberries** unless otherwise approved. This means that no other materials will be allowed under the permit process, i.e. construction debris, yard trimmings, wood, etc.
9. All efforts shall be made to ensure materials are dry and readily ignitable to facilitate low smoke densities.
10. Failure to abide by these open burning guidelines may result in permit revocation and may be considered an infraction punishable as prescribed in Section 1.08.020 of the Ashland Municipal Code.