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Spring outdoor burning to resume on Thursday morning

The spring outdoor burning season will reopen in Lane County on Thursday, May 16th, 2019 after being temporarily suspended due to high fire danger for the past week.

Last week's hot temperatures and windy conditions factored into the Lane Fire Defense Board and Oregon Department of Forestry's decision to temporarily close the outdoor burn season.

They have decided that the recent rain and forecasted precipitation help reduce fire risk enough to reopen the burn season.

Although burn season as reopened, residents must check the rules and the daily advisory before burning. Different areas in Lane County have different rules, with some cities like Eugene and Florence banning outdoor burning entirely within their city limits. The advisory is online: www.lrapa.org or call the burn line: 541-726-3976.

"The current fire risk is down but we always encourage residents to look for alternative ways to get rid of their yard debris," said Lane Regional Air Protection Agency spokesperson, Jo Niehaus. "Chipping, composting, and hauling the debris away will help reduce smoke and fire danger."

Outdoor burning season will officially close on June 1st for Oakridge and Lowell and June 15th for other areas in Lane County unless heightened fire danger closes the season early.

The Lane Regional Air Protection Agency reminds residents that violation of outdoor burning rules can result in stiff fines. Burning in barrels is illegal in Lane County year-round and garbage burning is illegal throughout Oregon.

For information about the Lane County Fire Defense Board decision and fire danger, please contact Lane Fire Defense Board's Chief Chad Minter at 541-686-1573.

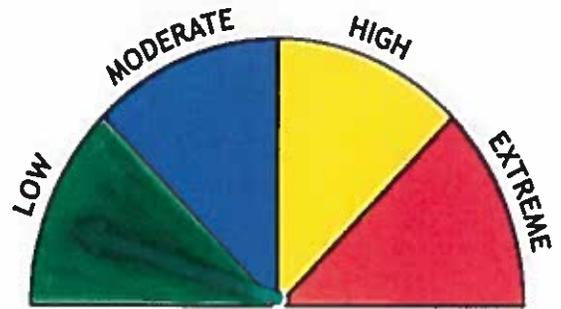
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WESTERN LANE DISTRICT

TODAY'S FIRE DANGER LEVEL



Public Use Restriction	Public Use Level		
<u>Western Lane Closure Line (541)935-2222</u> <u>Facebook: ODF Western Lane District</u>	Moderate	High	Extreme
Smoking is prohibited while traveling in forestlands, except in vehicles on improved roads, in boats on the water and other designated areas.	Prohibited At All Times	Prohibited At All Times	Prohibited At All Times
Open fires are restricted, including campfires, charcoal fires, cooking stoves and warming fires. Portable cooking stoves using liquefied or bottled fuels are allowed.	Only at Designated Locations	Only at Designated, Hosted and Managed Campgrounds	Not Allowed
Powersaw use is restricted. When allowed, each saw being used must have one shovel and one fire extinguisher of at least 8 ounce capacity. A firewatch of at least one hour is required following the use of each saw.	Allowed Between 8 pm and 1 pm	Allowed Between 8 pm and 10 am	Not Allowed
Cutting, grinding, and welding of metal is restricted to areas that are cleared of flammable materials and have either a charged hose or 2.5 lb. or larger ABC fire extinguisher.	Allowed Between 8 pm and 1 pm	Allowed Between 8 pm and 10 am	Not Allowed
Mowing of dried, cured grass is restricted. The cultivation and harvest of agricultural crops is exempt from this requirement.	Allowed Between 8 pm and 1 pm	Allowed Between 8 pm and 10 am	Not Allowed
Motor vehicles, including motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles, are only allowed on improved roads free of flammable vegetation, except for the cultivation and harvest of agricultural crops.	Restricted At All Times	Restricted At All Times	Restricted At All Times
Firefighting equipment is required while traveling in forestlands, except on state highways, county roads and driveways: one shovel, one axe or pulaski and one gallon of water or a 2.5 lb. ABC or larger fire extinguisher.	Required At All Times	Required At All Times	Required At All Times
Use of fireworks is prohibited	Prohibited At All Times	Prohibited At All Times	Prohibited At All Times
Electric fence controllers in use shall be: Listed by a nationally recognized testing laboratory or be certified by the Department of Consumer and Business Services and be operated in compliance with the manufacturer's instructions.	Required At All Times	Required At All Times	Required At All Times
Sky Lanterns and target practice with tracer rounds or exploding targets is prohibited	Prohibited At All Times	Prohibited At All Times	Prohibited At All Times