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Spring outdoor burning temporarily suspended due to high fire danger

The spring outdoor burning season is temporarily suspended due to high fire danger, starting Thursday morning, May 9th, 2019 for one week.

The Lane Fire Defense Board and Oregon Department of Forestry decided to temporarily ban outdoor burning activities in Lane County. Hotter temperatures and high winds contribute to increased fire danger risk.

The season could open back up on Thursday May 16th, if the area receives more rain. If the fire danger continues, burning may be prohibited until the fall burning season.

“The Lane Fire Defense Board will assess the temporary suspension next week if weather conditions improve,” said Lane Regional Air Protection Agency spokesperson, Jo Niehaus. “It is dangerous to burn when it has been this dry with the added risk of hot weather and strong winds.”

Typically, outdoor burning season lasts until early to mid-June and open for Fall burning in October. However, high risk of fire danger has affected these dates in the past.

The Lane Regional Air Protection Agency reminds residents that violation of outdoor burning rules can result in stiff fines for both air quality and fire risk.

Residents can explore alternative options to burning. They can dispose of woody yard debris for a minimal charge at one of Lane County’s various collection depots. Chipping and composting are also alternative options to burning.

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.

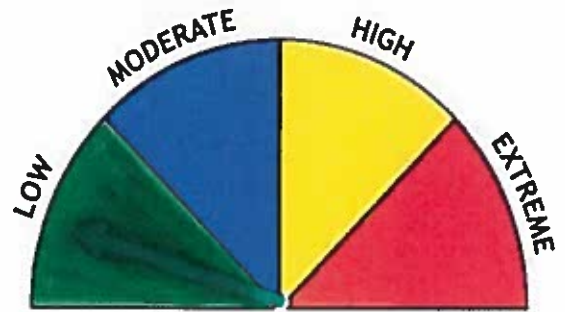
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WESTERN LANE DISTRICT

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