



## OPEN BURNING INFORMATION LINE: 541-451-1904 (updated daily by 8:30 a.m.)

### Exempt

(OAR 340-264-0030, ORS 468A.020)

- Recreational & ceremonial fires (acceptable materials ONLY)
- Barbecue equipment (acceptable materials ONLY)
- Agricultural open burning (related to agricultural operations; the growing or harvesting of crops; and the raising of fowl or animals)
- Open field burning
- Propane flaming
- Stack & pile burning

**Recreational burning** (Fires for pleasure, cooking, ceremonial, or similar purposes) **requirements:**

**Maximum size:**

- 3 feet in diameter
- 2 feet in height

**Acceptable materials\*:**

- dried wood
- natural dimensional lumber scraps
- charcoal
- propane
- natural gas

**Required separations from a structure:**

- Ground placed: 25 ft
- Portable outdoor fireplaces: 15 ft
- Barbecue/fire pit: 10 ft
- Barbecues and fire pits must be commercially manufactured, or constructed of concrete or approved non-combustible materials

\* Burning of these materials does not meet the DEQ definition of materials that emit dense smoke or noxious odors.

### Restricted

DEQ Authorized Burn Days: Mar 1–Jun 15, Oct 1–Dec 15

**No permit is required for:**

- Backyard debris which includes wood, needle or leaf materials from trees, shrubs or plants from the real property immediately adjacent to a dwelling of not more than four family living units.
- Agricultural burning not related to open burning of grass seed and cereal grain field residue may require an inspection by the Albany Fire Department.

**No-cost registration and/or a permit is required for:**

- Bonfires must be checked by Albany Fire Department prior to burning.
- Agricultural open burning related to open burning of a grass seed and cereal grain residue. Must contact Oregon Department of Agriculture (503-986-4701) for a permit.

**Backyard burning requirements:**

Call Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) daily burn message each day.

**Fire management:**

- Burn dried materials to reduce smoke
- Never use gasoline to start a fire
- Must be constantly attended by a responsible person until extinguished
- Shall have an attached water hose or a 4-A rated fire extinguisher and extinguishing tools available
- Fires must be of a manageable size

**Required separations from a structure:**

- 3 ft diameter by 2 ft high piles: 25 ft
- Burn barrels: 25 ft
- Uncontained piles: 50 ft

### Illegal

(OAR 340-264-0110)

**The following are only allowed with a Letter Permit issued by Oregon DEQ\* and the requirements and prohibitions of the Albany Fire Department and State Fire Marshal:**

- Industrial
- Commercial
- Construction
- Slash
- Demolition waste (any useless or discarded materials)
- Structural
- Land clearing
- Domestic

Contact DEQ at 800-349-7677 for more information.

**These materials must NEVER be burned:**

- Wet garbage
- Plastic
- Asbestos
- Wire insulation
- Automobile parts
- Asphalt
- Petroleum-treated materials
- Painted wood and wood treated with creosote or pentachlorophenol
- Rubber products including tires
- Animal remains
- Animal or vegetable matter resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking, or service of food
- Any other material that emits dense smoke or noxious odors

\*Subject to OAR 340-264-0050, 340-264-0060, and 340-264-0070.

**Please be respectful  
of your neighbors when  
conducting any type of  
open burning.**

The Albany Fire Department's responsibility is to protect the public from hazardous fire conditions and is not responsible for regulating or controlling smoke issues.

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**NUISANCE SMOKE ISSUES:**

**1-888-997-7888**

**or visit [oregon.gov/deq](http://oregon.gov/deq)**

and click on

**"File a Pollution Complaint"**

or by mail at

Oregon DEQ Office of  
Compliance and Enforcement  
811 Sixth Avenue  
Portland, OR 97204-1390



**Albany Fire Department**

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Albany, Oregon 97321

541-917-7700

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**for the City of Albany,  
City of Millersburg,  
and Albany Fire  
Protection Districts**

(OAR 340-264-0078)



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