

**MOLALLA FIRE DISTRICT #73
2004-2005 FIRE PERMIT
PRIOR TO ANY BURNING CALL 829-2217**

Burn piles greater than 10'X10' require a "Special Burning Permit" issued by Molalla Fire District

What type of burning is allowed within the Fire District: (see back for definitions)

Within three (3) miles of the Molalla City Limits:

Domestic

Domestic open burning, including a burn barrel or incinerator, with a valid Fire permit. Burning may only be conducted on days approved by Molalla Fire District

Construction & Demolition

Unless authorized pursuant to OAR 340-264-0180 (DEQ letter permit), Construction and Demolition open burning is **prohibited**.

Outside three (3) miles of the Molalla City Limits:

Domestic

Domestic open burning, including a burn barrel or incinerator, with a valid Fire permit. Burning may only be conducted on days approved by Molalla Fire District

Construction & Demolition

Construction or Demolition open burning may be conducted with a valid Fire permit. Burning may only be conducted on days approved by D.E.Q. and Molalla Fire District.
Industrial or commercial waste burning may be conducted anywhere in the fire district with a valid letter permit from D.E.Q. and a local fire permit. Burning may only be conducted on days approved by D.E.Q. and Molalla Fire District.

*****DEQ Letter permits required for all "Construction" and "Demolition" waste within 3 miles of city limits.***

Molalla Fire District has authority to control & extinguish any fire and investigate the existence of suspected or reported fires that may be hazardous to people, property or environment – OUFC, 1998 ART.1 SEC 104.1.1

Molalla Fire District may recover costs associated with suppressing unlawful fire – ORS 478.965

Open burning in compliance with regulations does not exempt any person from civil or criminal liability for consequences or damages resulting from such burning.

**Daily Burn Advisory 503-829-2217
D.E.Q. 503-229-5696**

**Molalla Fire District 503-829-2200
Department of Forestry 503-829-2216**

GENERAL BURNING PROHIBITIONS:

The following materials may not be burned at any time: wet garbage, plastic, wire, insulation, automobile parts, asphalt, petroleum treated materials, rubber products, animal remains or animal or vegetable matter resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking or service of food, or of any other material which normally emits dense smoke or noxious odors.

No person shall cause or allow to be initiated or maintained, any open burning which interferes unreasonable with the enjoyment of life or property or which creates any public or private nuisance (except as created by agricultural burning) or a hazard to public safety.

No person shall cause or allow to be initiated or maintained any open burning during hours not authorized by D.E.Q. and/or the local fire jurisdiction.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

Open burning shall not be conducted within 50' of any structure or other combustible material. (OUFC 1998, Sec 1102.3.5)

Exception 1. Not less than 15' when burning is conducted in an approved burning device.

Exception 2. Not less than 25' when pile size is 3' or less in diameter and 2' or less in height.

A garden hose connected to a water supply or other approved fire-extinguishing equipment shall be readily available for use at open burning sites. (OUFC 1998, Sec 1102.3.6)

Burning material shall be constantly attended by a person knowledgeable in the use of the fire-extinguishing equipment required by Sec 1102.3.6 and be familiar with the permit limitations which restrict open burning. An attendant shall supervise the burning material until the fire has been extinguished. (OUFC 1998 1102.3.7)

Molalla Fire District is authorized to require that open burning be immediately discontinued if the Fire Official determines that smoke emissions are offensive to occupants of surrounding property or if the open burning is determined to constitute a hazardous condition. (OUFC 1998 1102.3.8)

DEFINITIONS:

Agricultural Waste – any material actually generated or used by an agricultural operation (an operation, for profit or raising, harvesting and selling crops, livestock or poultry). This does not include open field burning or the construction and use of dwellings customarily provided in conjunction with the agricultural operation.

Commercial Waste – materials from offices, wholesale or retail yards and outlets, warehouses, restaurants, mobile home parks and dwellings containing more than four family living units.

Construction Waste – any material actually resulting from or produced by a building or construction project.

Demolition Waste – (also land clearing) – any material actually resulting from or produced by the complete or partial destruction or tearing down of any man-made structure or the clearing of a site for land improvement or cleanup, excluding yard debris (domestic waste) and agricultural waste.

Domestic Waste – household material including; paper, cardboard, clothing, yard debris, or other material actually generated in or around a dwelling of four or fewer family living units. NOTE: If the waste is removed from the property of origin, it becomes commercial waste.

Industrial Waste – any material including process waste, produced as the direct result of any manufacturing or industrial process.

Letter Permit – an Air Contaminant Discharge Permit issued by the Department of Environmental Quality.

Local Fire Permit – a permit to burn issued by the governing local fire agency.

Open Field Burning – the burning of any perennial grass seed field, annual grass seed field or cereal grain field in such a manner that combustion air and combustion products are not effectively controlled.

Slash – forest debris or woody vegetation to be burned under the Oregon Smoke Management Plan administered by Oregon Department of Forestry. The burning of such slash is related to the management of forestland and does not include the burning

D.E.Q. Letter Permits – The Department of Environmental Quality requires that Letter Permits be issued by their agency for the following types of burning: any demolition or construction waste burning within three (3) air miles of the Molalla City Limits and any industrial or commercial waste burning within any area of Molalla Fire District. Application for a local fire permit requesting this type of regulated burning must be accompanied by a D.E.Q. Letter Permit in order for a local fire permit to be granted by the Fire District.