



Lane Fire Authority Acquired Structure Donation Information



Lane Fire Authority has a long-standing practice of conducting Acquired Structure Burns (formally known as a Burn-to-Learn). We are happy to work with our community members in the removal of structures from their property through the Acquired Structure Burn Program. In return Lane Fire Authority obtains valuable live fire training opportunities for our recruits, volunteers, and paid staff, that would not be possible without the help and support from our community.

How do I donate my structure for the Acquired Structure Burn Program?

Step 1: Inspection

To start the process of donating your existing structure contact Lane Fire Authorities Training Division and schedule a date to have a visual inspection of your property. At this time the property owner should disclose any structural issues, previous fire damage, water damage, electrical, septic, or any other known issues with the structure.

Step 2: Abatement & Permits

Once the inspection has been completed and our department members have determined if your structure will meet Lane Fire Authorities requirements for the Acquired Structure Burn Program, the property owner is then responsible for:

- Obtaining an asbestos abatement and providing a copy of the abatement to Lane Fire Authorities Training Division (must be completed within 12 months of your desired burn date).
- Obtain all proper permits from the City and/or County Planning Department for the demolition of the structure.
- Removal of all appliances and household items from inside of the structure including: hot water heaters, cooktops, ovens, stoves, furnaces, furniture, or any other fixed appliances.
- Ensure that all utility services have been disconnected to the structure.

Step 3: Planning

After providing Lane Fire Authority with copies of the asbestos abatement and obtaining all other required permits, a liability waiver must be signed by both parties (property owner and Lane Fire) that indemnifies all parties from injury or damages sustained during the course of the Acquired Structure Burn. Once the waivers have been signed, the property owner and Lane Fire Authorities Training Division will set an agreed upon date for the acquired structure burn to take place. Please note:

- Once all proper documentation has been completed, it may take up to 30 days for the Training Department to complete all necessary planning in preparation for your Acquired Structure Burn.
- Lane Fire Authority conducts Acquired Structure Burns between the months of October and June, we do not conduct Acquired Structure Burns during the summer months.
- Lane Fire Authority will make every attempt to adhere to the agreed upon burn date, however due to unforeseen circumstances or acts of God it may be necessary to delay or cancel the Acquired Structure Burn.



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Step 4: Preparation

In the days/weeks leading up to your Acquired Structure Burn you may see members of Lane Fire Authority working at or around your structure preparing it for the burn day. This may include transporting fuel material (straw and wooden pallets) to the structure, outhouses and wash stations, or doing interior work preparing the structure. All member of Lane Fire Authority will make every attempt to contact property owners to inform them when they will be on sight preparing the structure. At this time, it is greatly appreciated if the property owners were able to assist with structural preparation by removal of any overgrown vegetation around the structure.

Step 5: Burn Day

Acquired Structure Burns are conducted on weekends (Saturday or Sunday), you can expect to start seeing fire department personnel arriver at your property between 9 and 10 A.M. During the setup time it may appear somewhat chaotic, but all members have assignments and a plan for the setup. Property owners and by-standers are welcome to observe the Acquired Structure Burn from a safe distance. During the acquired structure burn we ask you to keep 100' back form fire apparatus and personnel, and 200' back from the structure. You can expect the Acquired Structure Burn to last a minimum of 6 hours, though this can vary dependent on the structures condition and construction. Once the Acquired Structure Burn is complete, fire department personnel will begin to demobilize and return to service. A member the Lane Fire Authority will remain on scene until they are confident that all free burning material is contained within the foundation or footprint of the former structure.

Step 6: After the Burn

In the days after your Acquired Structure Burn you may see smoke, small flame lengths, or fire glow, this is normal and expected. The remains of the structure can still be slowly burning for up to 2 or 3 days after the burn. Property owners should not under any circumstances begin to cleanup or remove debris during this time, and should wait till the structure remains are out cold. A member of Lane Fire Authorities Training Division will periodically check in on the structure remains in the days following your Acquired Structure Burn to ensure that any free burning material is contained with the area of the structure. If you notice at any time, out of control active fire burning outside of the foundation or footprint of the former structure, call 911 immediately.

If you are interested in donating your existing structure, or have further questions about the Acquired Structure Burn Program please contact:

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