

# Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA) Outdoor Burn Regulations

**Call the LRAPA Outdoor Burning Advisory Line at  
541-726-3976 each day before burning.**

**Select #4 for Lane Fire Authority's area.**

**Valid between APPROXIMATELY October and June**

**Burn season is closed from APPROXIMATELY June to September**

*In accordance with the provisions of ORS 478.960:*

- ◆ These regulations must be on the premises when burning activity occurs.
- ◆ These regulations are valid during the outdoor burn season. Although the season is defined as being from October to June, it may be closed at any time when poor air quality or fire danger is present.
- ◆ These regulations only allow the burning of **woody** yard trimmings.
- ◆ Burn pile sizes must be no larger than 3 cubic yards. Multiple piles may be burned at one time.
- ◆ Allow a minimum of 50 feet clearance between burn piles and combustibles not to be burned.
- ◆ All outdoor burning shall be constantly attended by a responsible person at all times.
- ◆ Have water and tools available for controlling or extinguishing the fire.
- ◆ Follow the daily start and stop burning times.

**These regulations shall be voided, and the holder subject to fines and recovery of expenses as authorized under ORS 478.965, if determined to be burning contrary to authorized conditions and/or burning unauthorized materials.**

## **Prohibited Burning**

- ◆ **Materials prohibited from being burned include:** garbage, plastics, grass clippings, wire insulation, asbestos- containing materials, automobile parts, asphalt, petroleum by-products, tires, cardboard, clothing, grass clippings, petroleum treated materials, rubber products, demolition waste. Construction waste, animal remains, or animal or vegetable matter related to any food service or preparation, or any other material which normally emits dense smoke, noxious odors or hazardous air contaminants.
- ◆ **Burning Leaves (within Veneta City limits)** this means needles or leaf material which has fallen from trees, shrubs, or plants.
- ◆ **Burning grass clippings is prohibited in Lane County.**
- ◆ **Burning in barrels is prohibited in Lane County.**

**If a fire burns out of control call 911 immediately**

**To report a complaint about burning, call the LRAPA complaint line at 541-726-1930**

## **Safety Guidelines**

- ◆ **Call the burn advisory line every day prior to lighting a burn pile. You may also check LRAPA's web-site at [www.lrapa.org](http://www.lrapa.org)**
- ◆ Keep the yard debris pile dry by covering with plastic until ready to burn. Remove plastic before lighting.
- ◆ Use small, dry wood to start a fire like one would for a camp fire. Add small amounts of yard debris to the fire, keeping it burning hot and clean with little smoke.
- ◆ **Never** use flammable liquids to start a fire. Accelerants can be invisible until ignited, and explosive.
- ◆ Maintain a safe area around the burn pile where children are not allowed.

### **Backyard Burning Regulations:**

The Backyard Burning season is determined by both the fire service and the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA). LRAPA has determined that backyard burning will be allowed between the dates of October 1 through June 15. The season can be closed on any day due to poor air quality or fire danger. The season is permanently closed from June 16 to September 30 due to an increase in fire danger. **An LRAPA burn regulations sheet must be on the premises while burning backyard vegetation and you must call the Burning Advisory Line prior to burning each day.**

### **Slash Burning Permit:**

This permit is issued by the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) to burn logging slash debris. Contact Western Lane ODF at 541-935-2283 for more information.

### **LRAPA Letter Permit:**

This type of permit is generally issued for land clearing operations. These burn piles are often very large, and material to be burned looks like logging slash and will include stumps. LRAPA performs a required inspection of the piles and often requests that the fire department accompany them for advice regarding any fire safety concerns. LRAPA will then issue a letter that permits the type and amount of material to be burned, but the District issues the permit to actually burn the material. The letter permit usually has a termination date whereby if the material does not get burned, then the responsible party will need to obtain an extension. These fires can be started on a sanctioned burn day and be allowed to burn continually until the material is gone. LRAPA will advise the responsible party on methods to gain a rapid, efficient burn. Contact LRAPA at 541-736-1056.

A Burn Permit must be issued by the Fire District prior to lighting a land clearing, non-logging debris burn pile.

### **Commercial Agricultural Burning:**

Lane Fire Authority has authority over burning of vegetative material that does not fit either into the Backyard or Letter Burn Permit categories. A Commercial Agricultural burn is different than a standard outdoor burn because the volume of material is more than what could be burned in a single day's burning, i.e., large amount of windfall debris after a storm. These fires are to be started on an approved burn day and are allowed to burn continually until the material is gone. Once the material is ignited additional material may not be added. Lane Fire Authority may inspect the piles to be burned to ensure that the piles do not contain any prohibited items or materials, and will advise the responsible party of any additional requirements, such as suppression equipment, or clearing.

**Note:** Commercial Agricultural Burns are for downed, dead material, not live standing grass or weeds. Safety Guidelines on this permit must be followed.

**Note:** Field burning is not allowed under our Agricultural Burn Permit even though it is an agricultural process. Field burning is managed through the Department of Agriculture under rules established by DEQ, for fields that are registered by the grass seed grower.

**Note:** Slash burning is managed by ODF as a part of permitted logging operations. Burning is permitted under a forestry smoke management plan and is exempt from the rules of LRAPA.

### **Open Fires:**

**Recreational, cooking, and warming fires do not require a permit as long as these fires are on the property of the legal occupant of that property, and the fire is in a designated fire ring.** A fire ring should not be larger than 36" across with additional clearing space or green grass that has been mowed short. A cooking fire usually has a set-up for a grate or spit. These types of fires can be initiated at any time of the year providing there is not a total ban of all fires imposed by ODF through a **Regulated Use Closure**, which is often imposed in the dry summer months. Fire suppression equipment, such as an adequate water supply and shovel should be kept nearby and used to extinguish the fire when it is not in use.

**Recreational, cooking, warming and ceremonial fires** are allowed when set for recreational purposes on private property or in designated recreational areas (such as parks, campsites and campgrounds).