

OPEN BURNING

“Open Burning” is any burning outdoors, including burn barrels, piles of yard debris, burning stumps, field burns, commercial, construction, and demolition debris.

It is against the law to conduct any open burning that:

- **Unreasonably interferes with enjoyment of life or property**
- **Creates a public nuisance**
- **Is a hazard to public safety?**

Seasonal open burning is allowed on “Burn Days” during the time published by Pendleton Fire Department. Typically, this is October 1 through June 1, weather permitting. Open burning, excluding burn barrels in the Fire Districts, is prohibited from June 15 through Sept 30.

BURN PERMIT NOT REQUIRED FOR DOMESTIC WASTE.

Permits are required for commercial, demolition and construction waste.

Burn Permits for domestic open burning are not required. **However**, Pendleton Fire and Ambulance Service and the rules and regulations in this brochure regulate all burning. This applies to the City of Pendleton, McKay Dam Fire District, Lower McKay Fire District, Riverside Fire District and Rieth Water District

A copy of the Open Burning Regulations may be obtained from the Pendleton Fire and Ambulance Service business office at 911 SW Court Avenue.

BURN/NO-BURN DAY

Before starting a fire, determine that open burning is allowed for the day. **BURN or NO-BURN** status for the day is based upon the day’s weather forecast for smoke dispersal and the fire danger conditions. **BURN DAY or NO-BURN DAY** can be determined by calling the City of Pendleton Open Burning Information Line, 966-0328 before 10:00 AM. On **BURN DAYS**, burning can begin no earlier than 10:00 AM and must be completely extinguished by dark. The Burn Information will provide the hours of authorized burning.

DOMESTIC WASTE (BACKYARD BURNING)

Domestic Waste includes yard debris such as grass clippings, leaves, branches, brush, small amounts of unpainted or treated lumber, or other natural material actually generated around a dwelling of four or fewer family living units. Such waste materials actually generated around a dwelling of more than four family living units are classified as commercial wastes. Once domestic waste is removed from the property of origin it becomes commercial waste by DEQ definition.

See “Prohibited Materials”

Open burning of small quantities of domestic waste, except prohibited materials, is allowed on

BURN DAYS typically October 1 through June 15, weather permitting.

BURN BARRELS

Burn barrels are prohibited inside the Pendleton City Limits.

Burn barrels may only be used within the Fire Districts served by Pendleton Fire and Ambulance Service, but only on Burn Days.

VACANT LOT BURNING IN THE CITY OR DISTRICTS

Open burning of vacant lots within the City limits or in the Districts requires a demolition burn permit. A demolition burn permit must be obtained from DEQ. **After receiving a demolition permit from DEQ, check with Pendleton Fire and Ambulance Service prior to burning any vacant lot.**

COMMERCIAL WASTE CONSTRUCTION WASTE DEMOLITION WASTE

Commercial, construction and demolition waste, not including any prohibited materials, may be burned with prior authorization (permit) from Oregon DEQ (278-4626) and approval by Pendleton Fire and Ambulance Service. The Pendleton Fire Marshal, prior to a permit being issued, must conduct an inspection of the proposed burn site.

PROHIBITED MATERIALS

DEQ regulations prohibit open burning of the following materials at any time, anywhere in Oregon:

- ◆ Rubber products
- ◆ Plastic
- ◆ Wet garbage
- ◆ Petroleum and Petroleum treated materials
- ◆ Asphalt or industrial waste
- ◆ Any material that creates dense smoke or noxious odors
- ◆ Tires
- ◆ Wire insulation
- ◆ Automobile parts
- ◆ Animal remains
- ◆ Animal or vegetable matter resulting from handling, preparation, cooking, or service of food
- ◆ Wet yard trimmings

SUMMARY OF BURNING REGULATIONS

- Burn season, October 1 through June 1, weather permitting
- Rules and Regulations may be obtained from Pendleton Fire and Ambulance Service, 911 SW Court Avenue
- Determine if it is a “Burn Day” before burning. Call 966-0328
- Do not burn prohibited materials
- Burn safely
 - Fire attended by responsible person, minimum 16 years old
 - Have garden hose ready for immediate use
 - Burn in small piles
 - Provide constant supervision of the fire
 - Don’t burn within 50 feet of buildings, shrubs, dry grass/weeds, etc (Minimum of 25 feet when the pile size is 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height)
- Have fire **DEAD OUT** by dark
- Respect others rights to clean air
- Citations will be issued for violation of burning regulations



REGULATIONS FOR Controlled Burning

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The City of Pendleton

and

Fire Districts Protected by Pendleton Fire and Ambulance Service

Information and associated maximum fines of these regulations can be found in City of Pendleton Ordinance(s)

3848 (9)(G) – Nuisance Affecting Public Health. Maximum Fine \$500.00

3766 (5) – Air Pollution Control. Maximum Fine \$1000.00

**PENDLETON FIRE AND
AMBULANCE SERVICE
911 SW COURT AVENUE
PENDLETON, OR 97801
Bus. 541-276-1442**

**Fire Chief Paul Berardi
Asst. Chief Shawn Penninger**

Pendleton Fire and Ambulance Service

Open Burning Information Line

541-966-0327