

Crooked River Ranch Rural Fire Protection District

Open Burning Restrictions

1. Authority. ORS 478.960 et seq. and ORS 478.990; Burning of certain materials permitted only with permission of fire chief; damage or injury; burning schedules and restrictions; and penalties.
2. Definitions. (ORS 476.010 et seq. & ORS 477.001):
 - A. "Commercial waste" means:
 - 1) any waste produced in any business involving the lease or sale, including wholesale and retail, of goods or services, including but not limited to housing.
 - 2) any waste produced by a governmental, educational or charitable institution.
 - 3) Does not include any waste produced in a dwelling containing four living units or less.
 - B. "Campfire" means any open fire used for cooking, personal warmth, lighting, ceremonial or aesthetic purposes that is hand built and that is not associated with any debris disposal activities. (Including portable fire pits, and chimineas.)
 - C. "Demolition material" means any waste resulting from the complete or partial destruction of any man-made structure, such as a house, apartment, commercial building or industrial building.
 - D. "Domestic waste" means any nonputrescible waste, consisting of combustible materials, such as paper, cardboard, yard clippings, wood or similar materials, generated in a dwelling, including the real property upon which it is situated, containing four living units or less.
 - E. "Field burning" means the burning of any grass field, grain field, pasture, rangeland or other field by open burning or by use of mobile equipment or flaming equipment on any land or vegetation.
 - F. "Industrial waste" means any waste resulting from any process or activity of manufacturing or construction.
 - G. "Land clearing debris" means any waste generated by the removal of debris, logs, trees, brush or demolition material from any site in preparation for land improvement or construction projects.
 - H. "Open burning" means any burning conducted in such a manner that combustion air is not effectively controlled and that combustion products are not vented through a stack or chimney, including but not limited to burning conducted in open outdoor fires, common burn barrels and backyard incinerators.
3. Burning Restrictions. Within the Crooked River Ranch Rural Fire Protection District no person shall:
 - A. Kindle, build, attend, or maintain any open burning or campfire as defined herein without a valid burning permit issued by the Crooked River Ranch Rural Fire Protection District.
 - B. Kindle, build, attend, or maintain any open burning or campfire without first having checked with the Crooked River Ranch Rural Fire Protection District to determine that burning is permitted during the time in question.
 - C. Kindle, build, attend, or maintain any open burning or campfire at any time when the Fire Chief, or his designee, has determined that it is unsafe to conduct open burning or campfires due to environmental conditions.
 - D. Kindle, build, attend, or maintain any open burning or campfire without first having cleared all flammable vegetation for a minimum of ten feet from the site of the open burning or campfire.
 - E. Kindle, build, attend, or maintain any open burning or campfire without having tools (rake and/or shovel) at the burn site and sufficient water at the burn site to completely extinguish the fire.

- F. Kindle, build, attend, or maintain any open burning in a burn barrel, incinerator, or of piled debris 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height, or campfire within 25 feet of any structure.
- G. Kindle, build, attend, or maintain any campfires larger than 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet in height,
- H. Kindle, build, attend, or maintain any open burning of piled debris 3 feet or more in diameter and 2 feet or more in height within 50 feet of any structure.
- I. Kindle, build, attend, or maintain any open burning in a burn barrel or incinerator without having a ¼ inch, or smaller, screen mesh over the open end which prevents the escape of burning or glowing embers.
- J. Kindle, build, attend, or maintain any fire burning material prohibited by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) including, but not limited to, garbage (including household garbage), plastic, asbestos, wire insulation, automobile parts, asphalt shingles, tarpaper, petroleum treated materials, painted or treated wood, rubber products (including tires), commercial waste, demolition waste, construction waste, animal remains, animal or vegetable matter from food preparation, or any material that emits dense smoke or noxious odors.
- K. Kindle, build, attend, or maintain any campfire before sunset or fail to completely extinguish a campfire by sunrise.
- L. Fail to have at least one adult in attendance at the site of an open burn or campfire, at all times, until the open burn or campfire is completely extinguished.
- M. Fail to extinguish any open burning or campfire when directed to do so by any fire or law enforcement official.
- N. Fail to produce a valid burning permit when requested by any fire or law enforcement official.
- O. Fail to completely extinguish any open burning by sunset.

4. Administration:

- A. The Fire Chief, or his designee, is authorized to suspend or restrict the hours of open burning and campfires.
- B. The Fire Chief, or his designee, is authorized to suspend or permanently revoke the burning permit of any person who, in his/her opinion, is burning in violation of these regulations.
- C. Burning permits are not transferable from person to person or from property to property. A contractor performing work for a property owner/occupant must obtain a separate burning permit
- D. Nothing in these regulations relieves a person starting a fire from responsibility for providing adequate protection to prevent injury or damage to the person or property of another. If such burning results in the escape of fire and injury or damage to the person or property of another, such escape and damage or injury constitutes prima facie evidence that the burning was not safe. (ORS 478.960 § (3))

5. Penalties. Burning without a permit and/or in violation of any of the restrictions contained in this order is a violation of ORS 478.960 and is punishable as a misdemeanor. (ORS 478.990)

It is so ordered:



Fire Chief

10/15/2014
Date