

## What is Outdoor Burning?

Open, or outdoor, burning is defined by LRAPA as all burning outdoors in open areas, burn barrels, or other make-shift devices.

LRAPA regulates most outdoor burning within the county, with the exception of agricultural burning and forest slash burning. Below is a list of the types of burning that LRAPA regulates. Some require LRAPA-issued permits prior to burning, while others do not.

### **Burns that require LRAPA-issued permits and fire department authorization**

#### **Construction/Demolition/Land Clearing**

Burning materials that are generated by removal of debris, logs, trees, brush or demolition materials from any site being prepared for development; wood waste from a construction project; or wood waste resulting from complete or partial destruction of any man-made structure.

#### **Commercial**

Burning woody, vegetative, or dimensional wood debris actually generated or used by a commercial operation, including removed and transported materials.

#### **Industrial**

Burning waste produced as a direct result of any manufacturing or industrial process.

#### **Bonfires (LRAPA-issued permit required)**

Burning materials in a controlled outdoor fire held for celebratory, ceremonial or entertainment purposes.

### **Burns that DO NOT require LRAPA-issued permits**

#### **Residential outdoor burning**

The burning of woody yard debris that has been generated in or around a residential dwelling. Regulated on a daily basis. Contact local fire department for permitting requirements. Yard debris transported from property becomes **commercial waste**.

#### **Outdoor BBQ**

Burning with a fire that is sized proportionally to the amount of food being cooked.

#### **Recreational fire**

Burning a small fire no larger than three (3) feet in diameter and two (2) feet in height **using no construction or dimensional/panel material**, and limited to campfires, fires in chimineas, patio fireplaces, fire pits or other similar devices on private property or in designated areas on public land.

#### **Religious Ceremonial**

Burning legal materials in a controlled outdoor fire that is integral to a religious ceremony or ritual.

*Note: Not all types of burns are allowed in all areas. See chart for more information. Check with your local city or county office for restrictions in your area.*

## Burning Requirements

- Attend the fire at all times.
- Follow the daily start and stop burning times.
- Burn only dry, loosely stacked debris, free of dirt, rocks and other non-combustible materials.
- Have water and tools available for controlling or extinguishing the fire.
- Materials prohibited from being burned include garbage, plastics, wire insulation, asbestos-containing materials, automobile parts, asphalt, petroleum by-products, tires, petroleum-treated materials, rubber products, 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.

## Alternatives to burning

Whenever possible, choose other ways to dispose of yard debris. Chipping, composting and hauling are alternatives. Check with your local garbage hauler about the availability of curbside yard debris pick-up, or call Lane County Waste Management, 541-682-4119.

### **The Lane Regional Air Protection Agency**

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# Outdoor Burning in Lane County

**LRAPA Rule Title 47 "Open Burning" regulates outdoor burning in Lane County**

**Website: [www.lrapa.org](http://www.lrapa.org)**



**Call the daily burning advisory line before you ignite a fire –**

**541-726-3976 (Eugene, Springfield, Oakridge, surrounding areas)**

**541-997-1757 (Coastal Lane County).**

# Open Burning Rules Summary

| Type of burn   | Inside Eugene City Limits   | Inside Springfield City Limits  | Elsewhere Inside the Eugene/ Springfield Urban Growth Boundary (ESUGB)  | Inside Affected Fire Districts, Outside ESUGB, Outside Florence City Limits  | Inside Oakridge City Limits   | Inside Florence City Limits  | All Other Areas  |
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| <b>Residential Outdoor Burning</b><br>Advisory number: <b>541-726-3976</b><br>Coastal Lane County: <b>541-997-1757</b>   | Prohibited by City ordinance and LRAPA Section 47-015.2.B   | Prohibited on lots less than one-half acre in size. Woody yard trimmings may be burned on approved burn days during the burning season — October 1 through 31 and March 1 through June 15. No grass clippings or fallen leaves may be burned. | Prohibited on lots less than one-half acre in size. Woody yard trimmings may be burned on approved burn days during the burning season — October 1 through 31 and March 1 through June 15. No grass clippings or fallen leaves may be burned. | Burning of woody yard trimmings, leaves and grass clippings is allowed on approved burn days during the burning season — October 1 thru June 15. | Burning of woody yard trimmings, leaves and grass clippings is allowed with permit on approved burn days during the burning season — October, March, April, May. No burn barrels allowed. (City Code 92.04.A.2) | Prohibited by city ordinance.  | Burning of clean wood and yard debris is allowed on approved burn days during the burning season – October 1 thru June 15. |
| <b>Construction/Demolition Outdoor Burning</b>   | Prohibited by City ordinance and LRAPA Section 47-015.3.A   | Prohibited by LRAPA Section 47-015.3.A  | Prohibited by LRAPA Section 47-015.3.A  | Allowed with letter permit issued from LRAPA during the burn season – October 1 thru June 15   | Allowed with letter permit issued from LRAPA during the burn season — October, March, April, May  | Prohibited by city ordinance.  | Burning of approved materials is allowed during the burn season – October 1 thru June 15.                                  |
| <b>Commercial Outdoor Burning</b>  | Prohibited by City ordinance and LRAPA Section 47-015.4.A   | Prohibited by City ordinance and LRAPA Section 47-015.4.A   | Prohibited by LRAPA Section 47-015.4.A  | Allowed with letter permit issued from LRAPA during the burn season – October 1 thru June 15   | Allowed with letter permit issued from LRAPA during the burn season — October, March, April, May  | Prohibited by city ordinance   | Allowed with letter permit issued from LRAPA during the burn season – October 1 thru June 15                               |
| <b>Industrial Outdoor Burning</b>  | Prohibited by City ordinance and LRAPA Section 47-015.5.A   | Prohibited by City ordinance and LRAPA Section 47-015.5.A   | Prohibited LRAPA Section 47-015.5.A   | Allowed with letter permit issued from LRAPA during the burn season – October 1 thru June 15   | Allowed with letter permit issued from LRAPA during the burn season — October, March, April, May  | Prohibited by city ordinance   | Allowed with letter permit issued from LRAPA during the burn season – October 1 thru June 15                               |
| <b>Recreational Fires</b><br><i>LRAPA rule 47-005.2.A allows recreational fires — check with local jurisdictions for restrictions and call Home Wood Heating (HWH) Advisory number: <b>541-746-4328</b> (Eugene, Springfield and Oakridge)</i> | Prohibited except for outdoor recreation fire used for cooking with the fire in a fireplace, barbecue set, or an outdoor fire used for cooking only. Eugene code 6-200. | Contact the City of Springfield Fire Department. Not allowed on yellow or red HWH advisory days November-February   | Contact local fire district. Not allowed on yellow or red HWH advisory days November-February   | Contact local fire district  | Allowed unless prohibited by the City during HWH season — November - February. Contact local fire district.   | Outdoor recreational fire used for cooking with fire in a fireplace, barbecue set; or an outdoor fire ring or pit fueled with cut and split firewood | Contact local fire district  |
| <b>Bonfires</b>  | Authorization from local fire district and letter permit from LRAPA required  | Authorization from local fire district and letter permit from LRAPA required  | Authorization from local fire district and letter permit from LRAPA required  | Authorization from local fire district and letter permit from LRAPA required   | Allowed with letter permit issued from LRAPA during the burn season October 1 thru October 31, and March 1 – June 15  | Prohibited by city ordinance   | Authorization from local fire district and letter permit from LRAPA required   |
| <b>Religious Ceremonial Fires</b><br><i>LRAPA rule 47-005.2.C allows religious ceremonial fires</i>  | Contact local fire agency   | Contact local fire agency   | Contact local fire agency   | Contact local fire agency  | Contact local fire agency   | Prohibited by city ordinance   | Contact local fire agency  |