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Yamhill County Fire Defense Board to reduce complete burn ban restrictions

On July 6th, 2020, Yamhill County Fire Defense Board issued a total burn ban for all areas of Yamhill County. While we are still dry for the season and will continue to see some above average temperatures the next several days, we are seeing good relative humidity recoveries in the evenings. With the good RH recoveries and recent rainfalls, we have determined it is safe to reduce some of the restrictions currently in place. As a reminder, we are still in fire season along with ODF protected lands.

Still Active

- There is a Covid -19 voluntary request to curtail outdoor burning

Not allowed

- Backyard burning
- Land clearing or slash burning
- The burning garbage is never allowed

What is allowed?

- BBQ or outside cooking fires in an approved device / fire ring or fireplace
- Warming fires in an approved fire ring or fireplace. Agricultural Burning
- Check with Department of Agriculture, and your local fire agency.

For daily burning information please call the below numbers. Backyard burning is expected to be delayed at least OCT. 15th. In most of Yamhill County, fire districts share a common burn line number, at 503-472-3344. It is updated daily throughout burn season. This announcement is available at http://smkmgt.com/burn.php. However, Dundee and Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue (Newberg) have their own lines to call: 503-538-4182 for Dundee and 503-259-1789 for TVF&R - Newberg.

Those living in rural areas are asked to maintain their defensible space by monitoring growth surrounding homes and structures, and to maintain adequate access for firefighting equipment.

* Know fire risks and obey fire restrictions, such as campfire bans. * Avoid parking or driving on dry grass as hot vehicles can start a wildfire. * Vehicles are required to have a shovel and fire extinguisher or at least a gallon of water in many areas. * Do not use candles, fireworks, tiki torches, or other open flames in wildland areas. * Remember that sky lanterns are illegal in Oregon airspace. * Dispose of smoking material in deep, sturdy ashtrays. * Make sure butts and ashes are extinguished with water. * Never discard butts on the ground or in vegetation.