



# Columbia River Fire & Rescue

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## Press Release – Burn Ban

Effective July 1, 2017 at 12:01 am backyard burning will no longer be allowed in all Columbia County Fire Protection Districts including Columbia River Fire & Rescue, Clatskanie Fire District, Mist-Birkenfeld Fire District, Oregon Department of Forestry, Scappoose Fire District and Vernonia Fire District. The burn ban also affects those districts whose boundaries fall within Multnomah and Clatsop County.

The Columbia County Fire Defense Board which is made up of the fire chiefs from these districts has determined that a significant fire hazard exists due to prolonged dry conditions. This burn ban will remain in effect until significant rains return this coming fall to lessen the fire hazard.

Recreational fires are allowed within the landscaped footprint of a residential yard so long as recreational fire regulations are followed. Recreational fires must be in designated fire pits and can be no larger than 3 feet in diameter with flames not to exceed 2 feet in height and should be a minimum of 25 feet from any combustible material. Only clean, natural wood that is short enough to fit within the fire pit is allowed to be burned. Recreational fires must be attended at all times by a responsible, sober, non-impaired adult with suitable on-site fire extinguishing equipment such as a working garden hose. Burning of garbage or yard debris is not considered recreational burning.

Should summer weather conditions result in a more significant fire hazard, burning may be banned completely throughout the county. Citizens should be mindful of weather conditions even when burning in recreational fire pits and avoid burning on hot, windy days. Escaped fires of any kind resulting in property damage may result in fines and individual financial responsibility.

For additional information regarding campfires, recreational burning and debris burning please visit [www.crrf.com](http://www.crrf.com) and click on the “Burn Permits” link.

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