**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

**DIVISION 264**

**RULES FOR OPEN BURNING**

**340-264-0040**

**Exemptions, Statewide**

Except for the provisions contained in OAR 340-264-0050 and 340-264-0060, this Division does not apply to:

(1) Recreational fires and ceremonial fires, for which a fire is appropriate.

(2) Barbecue equipment used in connection with any residence.

(3) Fires set or permitted by any public agency when such fire is set or permitted in the performance of its official duty for the purpose of weed abatement, prevention or elimination of a fire hazard, or a hazard to public health or safety, or for instruction of employees in the methods of fire fighting, which in the opinion of the public agency is necessary. Every effort will be made by the public agency to conduct this burning during good smoke dispersal conditions and specifically avoiding periods during Air Pollution Advisories. The agency will adjust its schedule for setting such fires for better smoke dispersal if necessary. Open burning fires otherwise exempt from the requirements of this division are still subject to the requirements and prohibitions of local jurisdictions and the State Fire Marshall.

(4) Agricultural open burning pursuant to ORS 468A.020. Agricultural open burning is still subject to the requirements and prohibitions of local jurisdictions and the State Fire Marshal.

(5) Open field burning, propane flaming, and stack and pile burning in the Willamette Valley between the crests of the Cascade and Coast Ranges pursuant to OAR chapter 340, division 266, Rules for Field Burning.

(6) Slash burning on forest land or within one-eighth mile of forest land permitted under the Oregon Smoke Management Program regulated by the Department of Forestry pursuant to ORS 477.515.

(7) Fires set pursuant to permit for the purpose of instruction of employees of private industrial concerns in methods of fire fighting, or for civil defense instruction.

(8) Fires set for the purpose of disposal of dry tumbleweed plants (typically Russian Thistle and Tumbleweed Mustard plants) that have been broken off, and rolled about, by the wind.

(9) Agricultural burning for disease or pest control when the fire is set or authorized in writing by the Department of Agriculture.

(10) When caused by an authorized representative of the Department of Agriculture, open burning of carcasses of animals that have died or been destroyed because of an animal disease emergency.

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**340-264-0078**

**Open Burning Control Areas**

Generally, areas around the more densely populated locations in the state and valleys or basins that restrict atmospheric ventilation are designated "Open Burning Control Areas". The practice of open burning may be more restrictive in open burning control areas than in other areas of the state. The specific open burning restrictions associated with these open burning control areas are listed in OAR 340-264-0100 through 340-264-0170 by county. The general locations of open burning control areas are depicted in **Figures 2** through **5**. The open burning control areas of the state are defined as follows:

(1) All areas in or within three miles of the incorporated city limit of all cities with a population of 4,000 or more.

(2) The Coos Bay Open Burning Control Area is located in Coos County with boundaries as generally depicted in **Figure 3** of this rule. The area is enclosed by a line beginning at a point approximately 4-1/2 miles WNW of the City of North Bend, at the intersection of the north boundary of T25S, R13W, and the coastline of the Pacific Ocean; thence east to the NE corner of T25S, R12W; thence south to the SE corner of T26S, R12W; thence west to the intersection of the south boundary of T26S, R14W and the coastline of the Pacific Ocean, thence northerly and easterly along the coastline of the Pacific Ocean to its intersection with the north boundary of T25S, R13W, the point of beginning.

(3) The Rogue Basin Open Burning Control Area is located in Jackson and Josephine Counties with boundaries as generally depicted in Figure 4. The area is enclosed by a line beginning at a point approximately 4-1/2 miles NE of the City of Shady Cove at the NE corner of T34S, R1W, Willamette Meridian, thence south along the Willamette Meridian to the SW corner of T37S, R1W; thence east to the NE corner of T38S, R1E; thence south to the SE corner of T38S, R1E; thence east to the NE corner of T39S, R2E; thence south to the SE corner of T39S, R2E; thence west to the SW corner of T39S, R1E; thence NW along a line to the NW corner of T39S, R1W; thence west to the SW corner of T38S, R2W; thence north to the SW corner of T36S, R2W; thence west to the SW corner of T36S, R4W; thence south to the SE corner of T37S, R5W; thence west to the SW corner of T37S, R6W; thence north to the NW corner of T36S, R6W; thence east to the SW corner of T35S, R1W; thence north to the NW corner of T34S, R1W; thence east to the point of beginning.

(4) The Umpqua Basin Open Burning Control Area is located in Douglas County with boundaries as generally depicted in **Figure 5**. The area is enclosed by a line beginning at a point approximately four miles ENE of the City of Oakland, Douglas County, at the NE corner of T25S, R5W, Willamette Meridian, thence south to the SE corner of T25S, R5W; thence east to the NE Corner of T26S, R4W; thence south to the SE corner of T27S, R4W; thence west to the SE corner of T27S, R5W; thence south to the SE corner of T30S, R5W; thence west to the SW corner of T30S, R6W; thence north to the NW corner of T29S, R6W; thence west to the SW corner of T28S, R7W thence north to the NW corner of T27S, R7W; thence east to the NE corner of T27S, R7W; thence north to the NW corner of T26, R6W; thence east to the NE corner of T26S, R6W; thence north to the NW corner of T25S, R5W; thence east to the point of beginning.

(5) The boundaries of the Willamette Valley Open Burning Control Area are generally depicted in Figures 1 and 2. The area includes all of Benton, Clackamas, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Washington and Yamhill Counties and that portion of Lane County east of Range 7 West.

(6) The Klamath Basin Open Burning Control Area is located in Klamath County with boundaries generally depicted in Figure 6. The area is enclosed by a line beginning at the corner common to northwest corner of Section 31, Township 37 South, Range 9 East of the Willamette Meridian and southwest corner of Section 30 T37S, R9E W.M.; thence east approximately two miles to the northeast corner of Section 32; thence south approximately four miles to the southeast corner of Section 17, T38S, R9E W.M.; thence east approximately one mile to the southwest corner of Section 15,; thence north approximately one mile to the northwest corner of Section 15; thence east approximately 2 miles to the northeast corner of Section 14; thence south approximately one mile to the northwest corner of section 24; thence east approximately one mile to the northeast corner of Section 24; thence south approximately three miles to the southeast corner of Section 36; thence east approximately four miles to the northeast corner of Section 3, T39S, R10E W.M.; thence south approximately three miles to the southeast corner of Section 15; thence west approximately two miles to the southwest corner of Section16; thence south approximately two miles to the southeast corner of Section 29; thence west approximately five miles to the southwest corner of Section 27, T39S, R9E; thence north approximately one mile to the northeast corner of Section 27; thence west approximately four miles to the southwest corner of Section 24, T39S R8E; thence north approximately two miles to the northeast corner of Section 13; thence west approximately one mile to the southwest corner of Section 11; thence north approximately four miles to the northwest corner of Section 26 T38S, R8E; thence west one mile to the southwest corner of Section 22; thence north approximately one mile to the northwest corner of Section 22; thence west approximately one mile to the southwest corner of Section 16; thence north approximately one mile to the northeast corner of Section 16; thence west approximately one mile to the southwest corner of Section 8; thence north approximately two miles to the northwest corner of Section 5; thence east to the northeast corner of Section 1; thence north approximately one mile to the point of beginning.

(7) "Special Open Burning Control Areas" are established around cities within the Willamette Valley Open Burning Control Area. The boundaries of these special open burning control areas are determined as follows:

(a) Any area in or within three miles of the boundary of any city of more than 1,000 but less than 45,000 population;

(b) Any area in or within six miles of the boundary of any city of 45,000 or more population;

(c) Any area between areas established by this rule where the boundaries are separated by three miles or less;

(d) Whenever two or more cities have a common boundary, the total population of these cities will determine the applicability of subsection (a) or (b) of this section and the municipal boundaries of each of the cities must be used to determine the limit of the special open burning control area.

(8) A domestic burning ban area around the Portland metropolitan area is generally depicted in **Figure 1A**. This area encompasses parts of the special control area in Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington Counties. Specific boundaries are listed in OAR 340-264-0120(5), 340-264-0130(5) and 340-264-0140(5). Domestic burning is prohibited in this area except as allowed pursuant to OAR 340-264-0180.

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**340-264-0080**

**County Listing of Specific Open Burning Rules**

Except as otherwise provided, in addition to the general requirements and prohibitions listed in OAR 340-264-0050 and 340-264-0060, specific prohibitions of Agricultural, Commercial, Construction, Demolition, Domestic, and Industrial open burning are listed in separate rules for each county. The following list identifies the rule containing prohibitions of specific types of open burning applicable to a given county:

(1) Baker County -- OAR 340-264-0100.

(2) Benton County -- OAR 340-264-0110.

(3) Clackamas County -- OAR 340-264-0120.

(4) Clatsop County -- OAR 340-264-0100.

(5) Columbia County -- OAR 340-264-0150.

(6) Coos County -- OAR 340-264-0170.

(7) Crook County -- OAR 340-264-0100.

(8) Curry County -- OAR 340-264-0100.

(9) Deschutes County -- OAR 340-264-0100.

(10) Douglas County -- OAR 340-264-0170.

(11) Gilliam County -- OAR 340-264-0100.

(12) Grant County -- OAR 340-264-0100.

(13) Harney County -- OAR 340-264-0100.

(14) Hood River County -- OAR 340-264-0100.

(15) Jackson County -- OAR 340-264-0170.

(16) Jefferson County -- OAR 340-264-0100.

(17) Josephine County -- OAR 340-264-0170.

(18) Klamath County -- OAR 340-264-0175.

(19) Lake County -- OAR 340-264-0100.

(20) Lane County -- OAR 340-264-0160.

(21) Lincoln County -- OAR 340-264-0100.

(22) Linn County -- OAR 340-264-0110.

(23) Malheur County -- OAR 340-264-0100.

(24) Marion County -- OAR 340-264-0110.

(25) Morrow County -- OAR 340-264-0100.

(26) Multnomah County -- OAR 340-264-0130.

(27) Polk County -- OAR 340-264-0110.

(28) Sherman County -- OAR 340-264-0100.

(29) Tillamook County -- OAR 340-264-0100.

(30) Umatilla County -- OAR 340-264-0100.

(31) Union County -- OAR 340-264-0100.

(32) Wallowa County -- OAR 340-264-0100.

(33) Wasco County -- OAR 340-264-0100.

(34) Washington County -- OAR 340-264-0140.

(35) Wheeler County-- OAR 340-264-0100.

(36) Yamhill County -- OAR 340-264-0110.

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**Open Burning Requirements**

**340-264-0100**

**Baker, Clatsop, Crook, Curry, Deschutes, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Hood River, Jefferson, Klamath, Lake, Lincoln, Malheur, Morrow, Sherman, Tillamook, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Wasco and Wheeler Counties**

Open burning requirements for the counties of Baker, Clatsop, Crook, Curry, Deschutes, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Hood River, Jefferson, Klamath, Lake, Lincoln, Malheur, Morrow, Sherman, Tillamook, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Wasco and Wheeler:

(1) Industrial open burning is prohibited, except as provided in OAR 340-264-0180.

(2) Agricultural open burning is allowed subject to OAR 340-264-0050(5) and the requirements and prohibitions of local jurisdictions and the State Fire Marshal.

(3) Commercial open burning:

(a) Commercial open burning is prohibited within Lincoln County except as provided in OAR 340-264-0180.

(b) Commercial open burning is allowed outside of open burning control areas subject to OAR 340-264-0050, 340-264-0060 and 340-264-0070, and the requirements and prohibitions of local jurisdictions and the State Fire Marshal. Commercial open burning, unless authorized pursuant to 340-264-0180, is prohibited within three miles of the corporate city limits of the following open burning control areas. In addition, commercial open burning is prohibited in any area meeting the test in 340-264-0078(1):

(c) In Baker County, the City of Baker City;

(d) In Clatsop County, the Cities of Astoria, Seaside and Warrenton;

(e) In Crook County, the City of Prineville;

(f) In Curry County, the City of Brookings;

(g) In Deschutes County, the Cities of Bend and Redmond;

(h) In Hood River County, the City of Hood River;

(i) In Jefferson County, the City of Madras;

(j) In Malheur County, the City of Ontario;

(k) In Tillamook County, the City of Tillamook;

(l) In Umatilla County, the Cities of Hermiston, Milton-Freewater and Pendleton;

(m) In Union County, the City of La Grande;

(n) In Wasco County, the City of The Dalles.

(4) Construction and Demolition open burning outside of an open burning control area is allowed subject to the requirements and prohibitions of local jurisdictions, the State Fire Marshal, OAR 340-264-0050, 340-264-0060, and 340-264-0070. Construction and Demolition open burning, unless authorized pursuant to OAR 340-264-0180, is prohibited within three miles of the corporate city limits of the following open burning control areas. In addition, construction and demolition burning is prohibited in any area meeting the standard in OAR 340-264-0078(1):

(a) In Baker County, the City of Baker City;

(b) In Clatsop County, the Cities of Astoria, Seaside and Warrenton;

(c) In Crook County, the City of Prineville;

(d) In Curry County, the City of Brookings;

(e) In Deschutes County, the Cities of Bend and Redmond;

(f) In Hood River County, the City of Hood River;

(g) In Jefferson County, the City of Madras;

(h) In Lincoln County, the Cities of Lincoln City and Newport;

(i) In Malheur County, the City of Ontario;

(j) In Tillamook County, the City of Tillamook;

(k) In Umatilla County, the Cities of Hermiston, Milton-Freewater and Pendleton;

(l) In Union County, the City of La Grande;

(m) In Wasco County, the City of The Dalles.

(5) Domestic open burning is allowed subject to the requirements and prohibitions of local jurisdictions, the State Fire Marshal, and OAR 340-264-0050, 340-264-0060 and 340-264-0070.

(6) Slash burning on forest land within open burning control areas not regulated by the Department of Forestry under the Smoke Management Plan is prohibited, except as provided in OAR 340-264-0180.

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**340-264-0175**

**Klamath County**

Open burning requirements for Klamath County:

(1) Open burning control areas:

(a) The Klamath Basin open burning control area as generally described in OAR 340-264-0078(6) and depicted in **Figure 6** is located in Klamath County;

(2) Industrial open burning is prohibited unless authorized pursuant to OAR 340-264-0180.

(3) Agricultural open burning is allowed subject to OAR 340-264-0050(5) and the requirements and prohibitions of local jurisdictions and the State Fire Marshal.

(4) Commercial open burning is prohibited within the Klamath Basin open burning control areas and within three miles of the corporate city limits of other areas that meet the standard in OAR 340-264-0078(1), unless authorized pursuant to 340-264-0180. Commercial open burning is allowed in all other areas of this county subject to 340-264-0050, 340-264-0060 and 340-264-0070 and the requirements and prohibitions of local jurisdictions and the State Fire Marshal.

(5) Construction and Demolition open burning is prohibited within the Klamath Basin open burning control areas and within three miles of the corporate city limits of other areas that meet the standard within OAR 340-264-0078(1), unless authorized pursuant to 340-264-0180. Construction and Demolition open burning is allowed in other areas of these counties subject to 340-264-0050, 340-264-0060 and 340-264-0070, and the requirements and prohibitions of local jurisdictions and the State Fire Marshal.

(6) Domestic open burning is allowed subject to OAR 340-264-0050, 340-264-0060, 340-264-0070 and section (7) of this rule, and the requirements and prohibitions of local jurisdictions and the State Fire Marshal.

(7) Slash burning on forest land within open burning control areas not regulated by the Department of Forestry under the Smoke Management Program is prohibited, except as provided in OAR 340-264-0180.

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