

## Fire Life Safety Division Open Burn Permit

A permit and inspection are required for open burning on residential property. A permit will be considered for residential properties that have 1 or more acres of land. The fee should be paid upon permit approval. A permit will be issued once payment is received. Please contact the Administrative office for fee details.

A site plan and permit must be submitted 7 days prior to the planned burn. A site visit from the Gresham Fire Life Safety Division will be conducted prior to approval. All rules and regulations below must be followed at time of burning.

NAME:	DATE/
ADDRESS:	PHONE:
LOCATION OF BURNING (site map required)	

VALID DATES \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_ THROUGH \_\_\_/\_\_/

The undersigned agrees to conduct all open burning consistent with applicable laws and regulations, including but not limited to Oregon Fire Codes. YOU ARE REQUIRED TO READ AND UNDERSTAND THE **REVERSE SIDE OF THIS PERMIT.** It is unlawful to burn garbage, building materials, tires or other rubber products, wire, lumber, paper, or cardboard.

Signature of Permit Holder: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Issuing Official: \_\_\_\_\_

Fee: Contact the Gresham Fire Administrative Office.

Payment: Cash Check Online

## **Burn Rules and Regulations**

• Open burn piles shall not be conducted within 50' of a structure and provision shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading to within 50' of any structure.

## **Exception:**

When piles are 3' or less in diameter and 2' or less in height, the minimum distance may be 25'.

- Site conditions which could cause the fire to spread to within 50' or 25' of a structure as appropriate to the size of burn pile, shall be eliminated prior to ignition.
- Open burn piles shall be limited in size to a maximum of 10' in diameter and 6' in height in urban areas, and 12' in diameter and 8' in height in agricultural areas.
- No standing vegetation shall be burned.
- Vegetation or combustible materials within 6' of all sides of a burn pile shall be cleared away.
- Rubber products; tires; plastic; garbage; petroleum or petroleum treated materials; asphalt or industrial waste; construction materials or any material that creates dense smoke or noxious odors shall not be burned.
- A continual fire watch shall be provided to patrol the burn pile(s) and shall have no other duties beginning prior to the ignition and continuing for one hour after any open flame or smoldering ceases.
- Fire extinguishing equipment shall include any of the following elements capable of controlling and extinguishing the fire in any condition:
  - Garden hose minimum <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" diameter with attached nozzle and maximum length 150', turned on with no leaks and readily available.
  - o Water barrels w/buckets
  - o 4A fire extinguisher
  - o Water tender
- All fires shall be extinguished immediately if:
  - Winds exceed 15 mph.
  - If any representative of the fire department determines the fire to be a hazard or verifies the conditions of approval are not being met.
- The permit can be revoked at any time for not abiding by the regulations.
- The permit holder shall call (503) 618-3083 after 8:00 am DAILY and shall burn only during approved days and hours, without exception.