LANE REGIONAL AIR PROTECTION AGENCY

TITLE 47

Outdoor Open Burning

Outdoor burning in compliance with the sections rules in LRAPA this Title 47 does not exempt any person from any civil or criminal liability for consequences or damages resulting from such burning, nor does it exempt any person from complying with any other applicable law, ordinance, regulation, rule, permit, order, or decree of this or any other governmental entity having jurisdiction.

Section 47-001  General Policy

In accordance with OAR 340-264-0160(1), the rules and regulations of LRAPA apply to outdoor burning in Lane County. In order to restore and maintain Lane County air quality in a condition as free from air pollution as is practicable, consistent with the overall public welfare of the County, it is the policy of the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency to eliminate outdoor burning disposal practices where alternative disposal methods are feasible. As a result, all outdoor burning is prohibited in Lane County except as expressly allowed by Title 47 these rules or if exempted from Title 47 these rules by Oregon Statute. Contained in this title these rules are the requirements for the outdoor burning of residential, construction, demolition, commercial, and industrial waste, and forest slash waste on properties outside areas covered by the Oregon Smoke Management Plan, bonfires, and for ecological conversion.

Section 47-001 Amended 03/14/08 (Amended XX/XX/XX)

Section 47-005  Exemptions from LRAPA Title 47 These Rules

1. Statutory exemptions. Due to Oregon statutory exemptions, this title these rules shall not apply to the following:

(a) The operation of residential barbecue equipment for the purpose of cooking food for human consumption, except that materials described in Section 47-015(-1)(e).E shall not be used as fuel.

(b) Fires set or permitted by any public agency in the performance of its official duty for the purpose of weed abatement, prevention or elimination of a fire hazard, a hazard to public health or safety, or for the instruction of employees in the methods of fire fighting.

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

(d) OutdoorC Agricultural open burning.

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(2) Other exemptions.

(a) Recreational fires are allowed when set for recreational purposes on private property or in designated recreational areas (such as parks, recreational campsites, and campgrounds), and on private property. Prohibited materials listed in Section 47-015(-1)(e), woody yard trimmings, leaves and grass clippings shall not be burned. Within the Eugene and Springfield Urban Growth Boundaries and within the city limits of Oakridge and surrounding Oakridge urban growth boundary, these fires are prohibited on Yellow and Red Home Wood Heating Advisory days set by LRAPA during the months of October through May unless extended by LRAPA November, December, January, and February. [NOTE: LOCAL ORDINANCES FROM MUNICIPALITIES, RULES FROM LOCAL FIRE DISTRICTS, AND RULES FROM OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND STATE FIRE MARSHAL MAY BE MORE PROHIBITIVE.]

(b) Outdoor barbecuing connected to a group outing, festival, fair or similar occasion, when food is cooked by a fire that is sized proportionally to the amount of food being cooked, connected to a group outing, festival, fair or similar occasion, is allowed, except that prohibited materials listed in Section 47-015(-1)(e), woody yard trimmings, leaves, grass clippings, and commercial, industrial, construction, and demolition waste shall not be burned.

(c) Religious ceremonial fires as defined in Section 47-010 are allowed. Prohibited materials listed in 47-015(1)(e), woody yard trimmings, leaves and grass clippings shall not be burned. Larger fires would be required to be permitted under the “Bonfire” requirement.

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Section 47-010 Definitions

The following definitions in LRAPA Title 12 and this section apply to this title. If the same term is defined in this section, and additional general definitions can be found in Title 12 of these Rules and Title 12, the definition in this section applies to this title Regulations.

- "Agricultural outdoor burning" means the outdoor burning of vegetative "agricultural wastes," which are materials actually generated or used by an agricultural operation.

- "Agricultural operation" means an activity on land currently used or intended to be used primarily for the purpose of obtaining a profit in money by raising, harvesting and the sale of crops or by the raising and sale of livestock or poultry, or the produce thereof, which

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activity is necessary to serve that purpose. It does not include the construction and use of dwellings or structures customarily provided in conjunction with the agricultural operation.

- "Agricultural waste" means any vegetative material actually generated or used by an agricultural operation but excluding those materials described in Section 47-015(-1)(e).

- "Bonfire" means a controlled outdoor fire (combustible pile larger than 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet in height) held for celebratory, religious ceremonial, or entertainment purposes. The fire cannot serve as a disposal fire for woody yard trimmings, leaves, and grass clippings. Prohibited materials listed in 47-015(1)(e) shall not be burned. Bonfires may include clean woody construction/demolition/commercial material.

- "Commercial outdoor open burning" means the outdoor open burning of "commercial wastes," which are materials actually generated or used by a commercial operation including removed and transported materials, and excluding those materials described in Section 47-015(-1)(e).

- "Construction outdoor open burning" means the outdoor open burning of "construction wastes," which are materials actually resulting from or produced by a building or construction project, excluding those materials described in Section 47-015(-1)(e). The outdoor open burning of construction waste materials which are actually resulting from or produced by a building or construction project, excluding those materials described in Section 47-015(-1)(e), that are transported from tax lot of origin is Commercial outdoor open burning.

- "Demolition outdoor open burning" means the outdoor open burning of "demolition wastes," which are materials actually resulting from or produced by the complete or partial destruction or tearing down of any man-made structure or the clearing of any site, or land clearing for site preparation for development, excluding those materials described in Section 47-015(-1)(e). The outdoor open burning of demolition waste materials which are actually resulting from or produced by the complete or partial destruction or tearing down of any man-made structure or the clearing of any site, or land clearing for site preparation for development, excluding those materials described in Section 47-015(-1)(e), that are transported from tax lot of origin is Commercial outdoor open burning.

- "Eugene and Springfield Urban Growth Boundary (ESUGB)" means the area within and around the cities of Eugene and Springfield, as described in the currently acknowledged Eugene-Springfield Metropolitan Area General Plan, as amended.

- "Forest slash outdoor open burning" means burning of vegetative debris and refuse on forest land related to the growing and/or harvesting of forest tree species where there is no change in the use of the land from timber production. Forest slash outdoor open burning does not include burning for commercial or individual use, or for any other type of land clearing not related to the growing and harvesting of forest tree species.

- "Garbage" means putrescible animal and vegetable wastes resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking, and serving of food.

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· "Industrial outdoor open burning" means the outdoor open burning of "industrial wastes," which are materials produced as a direct result of any manufacturing or industrial process, excluding those materials described in Section 47-015(-1)(e)-E.

· "Land clearing" means the removal of trees, brush, logs, stumps, debris, or man-made structures for the purpose of site clean-up or site preparation.

· "Leaves" means needle or leaf materials which have fallen from trees, shrubs, or plants on the property around a dwelling unit.

· “Nuisance” means a substantial and unreasonable interference with another’s use and enjoyment of real property, or the substantial and unreasonable invasion of a right common to members of the general public. (See Title 12 of LRAPA’s these Rules and Regulations)

· "Outdoor Open burning (alternatively referred to as open burning)" includes burning in open fires, burn barrels, incinerators which do not meet emission limitations specified in Title 30 of LRAPA’s these Rules and Regulations, and any other outdoor burning which occurs in such a manner that combustion air is not effectively controlled and combustion products are not effectively vented through a stack or chimney.

· “Outdoor Burning Letter Permit (OBLP)” means an authorization issued pursuant to Section 47-020 to burn select materials at a defined site and under certain conditions.

· “Recreational fire” means a small fire (combustible pile no larger than 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet in height), limited to cooking fires and campfires, or fires lit in Chimineas, patio fireplaces, fire pits, or other similar devices using charcoal, natural gas, propane, manufactured firelogs, or clean dry natural firewood as fuel, and which occurs in designated areas on public lands or on private property. -The fire cannot serve as a disposal fire for waste materials, including woody yard trimmings, leaves, and grass clippings, or materials listed in 47-015(-1)(e)-01.E.

· “Religious ceremonial fire” means a small, controlled outdoor fire (combustible pile no larger than 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet in height), integral to a religious ceremony or ritual. Religious ceremonial fires may use charcoal, natural gas, propane, manufactured firelogs, or clean dry natural firewood as fuel, and may occur in designated areas on public lands or on private property. The fire cannot serve as a disposal fire for waste materials, including woody yard trimmings, leaves, and grass clippings. Prohibited materials listed in Section 47-015(-1)(e)-01.E shall not be burned.

· "Residential outdoor open burning” means the outdoor open burning of clean, woody yard trimmings which are actually generated in or around a dwelling for four (4) or fewer family living units. -Once this material is removed from the property of origin it becomes commercial waste. - Such materials actually generated in or around a dwelling of more than four (4) family living units are commercial wastes.
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- "Responsible person" means each person who is in ownership, control, or custody of the property on which the outdoor burning occurs, including any tenant thereof; or who is in ownership, control, or custody of the materials which are burned; or any person who causes or allows outdoor burning to be initiated or maintained.

- "Salvage," as used in Title 47 open burning rules, means the recovery, processing or use of woody debris for purposes including, but not limited to, energy production (such as firewood or fuel), fiber production (such as soil amendments or mulch), or as a raw material for chemical or manufacturing processes.

- "Woody Yard Trimmings" means woody limbs, branches and twigs, with any attached leaves, which have been cut from or fallen from trees or shrubs from the property around a dwelling unit.

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Section 47-015 Outdoor Open Burning Requirements

(1) General requirements—to be met by all outdoor burning conducted in accordance with LRAPA’s Rules and Regulations:

(a) All outdoor burning shall be constantly attended by a responsible person or an expressly authorized agent, until extinguished.

(b) It shall be the duty of each responsible person to promptly extinguish any burning which is in violation of any of LRAPA’s Rules and Regulations or of any permit issued by the Agency.

(c) No person shall cause, or allow to be initiated or maintained, any outdoor burning which is prohibited by the burning advisory issued by the Agency.

(d) No person shall cause, or allow to be initiated or maintained, any outdoor burning which creates a nuisance or a hazard to public safety.

(e) No person shall cause, or allow to be initiated or maintained, outdoor burning of any material which normally emits dense smoke, noxious odors, or hazardous air contaminants; such materials may include but are not limited to garbage, plastics, wire insulation, automobile parts, asphalt, petroleum by-products, petroleum-treated materials, rubber products, cardboard, clothing, animal remains, grass clippings or of any other material which normally emits dense smoke, noxious odors, or hazardous air contaminants.

(f) To promote efficient burning and prevent excessive emissions of smoke, each responsible person shall assure that all combustible material is dried to the extent practicable and loosely stacked or windrowed to eliminate dirt, rocks and other
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47.6 non-combustible materials; and periodically restack or feed the burning pile to enhance combustion.

(g) No person shall cause, or allow to be initiated or maintained, any outdoor open burning at any solid waste disposal site unless authorized by a Solid Waste Permit issued pursuant to Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) 340-094-040. The Agency shall be notified by the responsible person prior to such burning.

(h) All burning shall be conducted in accordance with local fire safety regulations, including required minimum distances from structures.

(i) Burning in barrels is prohibited.

(2) Residential Outdoor Open Burning Requirements

The residential outdoor open burning season is October 1 through June 15, with the following restrictions:

(a) Residential outdoor open burning is allowed only on approved burning days, between sunrise and sunset, with a valid fire permit (if required by fire district). The start and end times for burning vary and are set as part of the daily burning advisory issued by the Agency.

(b) All open burning is prohibited within the Eugene city limits and the surrounding Eugene urban growth boundary.

C. All open burning is prohibited.

(c) Outdoor burning outside the Eugene city limits but within the Eugene Urban Growth Boundary is prohibited except outdoor burning of woody yard trimmings is allowed on lots of one-half acre or more on approved burn days from March 1 to June 15 and October 1 to October 31.

(d) Outdoor burning within the Springfield city limits and the surrounding Springfield urban growth boundary is prohibited except that burning of woody yard trimmings is allowed on lots of one-half acre or more on approved burn days from March 1 through June 15 and from October 1 through October 31.

(e) Outdoor burning within the ESUGB, burning within Florence is prohibited if required by local fire codes.

E. Residential open burning outside the city limits of Eugene and Springfield but within the Eugene Springfield Urban Growth Boundary is prohibited per Florence city ordinance.

(f) Outdoor burning within Oakridge city limits and surrounding Oakridge urban growth boundary is prohibited November through February.

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(g) Outdoor burning is prohibited within the Junction City, Coburg, Cottage Grove, Creswell, Lowell, Westfir, Dunes City and Veneta city limits except for the outdoor burning of woody yard trimmings allowed on lots of one-half acre or more on approved burn days from October 1 through June 15 and from October 1 through October 31.

(h) Within fire districts identified below and outside the city limits of Junction City, Cottage Grove, Coburg, Creswell, Lowell, and Veneta the residential outdoor burning of woody yard trimmings and leaves and grass clippings is allowed on approved burn days from October 1 through June 15 within the fire districts identified below:

1. Bailey-Spencer RFPD
2. Coburg Fire District
3. South Lane County Fire & Rescue
4. Dexter RFPD west of the Willamette Meridian
45. Eugene RFPD #1
56. Goshen Fire District
62. Hazeldell RFPD
78. Junction City RFPD
89. Lane County Fire District #1 (Lane Fire Authority)
910. Lane Rural Fire/Rescue (Lane Fire Authority) outside the Eugene and Springfield Urban Growth Boundaries
10. Lowell RFPD
11. McKenzie Fire & Rescue outside the Eugene and Springfield Urban Growth Boundaries
11. Lowell RFPD
12. Mohawk Valley RFPD
13. McKenzie Fire & Rescue outside the ESUGB
14. Monroe RFPD, that portion within Lane County
145. Oakridge Fire & EMS
154. Pleasant Hill RFPD
1612. Santa Clara Fire District outside the Eugene and Springfield Urban Growth Boundaries
1718. Siuslaw Valley Fire & Rescue
18. South Lane County Fire & Rescue
19. Westfir Fire Department
20. Willakenzie RFPD
21. Zumwalt RFPD

(i) Residential outdoor burning of woody yard trimmings and leaves and grass clippings is allowed in Lane County, outside of the affected areas defined in 47-015(-2)(b)(B) of this section, on approved burn days from October 1 through June 15.
(Note: Some fire districts require burning permits. Fire districts may restrict burning whenever fire danger dictates. Persons wishing to conduct residential outdoor burning should check first with their fire district.)

(j) Failure to conduct residential outdoor burning in accordance with this section is a violation of Title 47these rules and may be cause for assessment of civil penalties. Citations will be issued by authorized enforcement agents to responsible person(s) where residential outdoor burning rules are violated pursuant to this section.

(3) Construction/Demolition Outdoor Burning Requirements

(a) Construction/demolition outdoor burning is prohibited inside the Eugene and Springfield Urban Growth Boundaries (ESUGB).

(b) Construction/demolition outdoor burning is prohibited inside the affected areas described in 47-015(-2)(f), unless authorized pursuant to Section 47-020.

(c) Construction/demolition outdoor burning is allowed elsewhere in Lane County, subject to the general requirements of Section 47-015(-1).

(4) Commercial Outdoor Burning Requirements

(a) Commercial outdoor burning is prohibited inside the Eugene and Springfield Urban Growth Boundaries (ESUGB).

(b) Commercial outdoor burning is prohibited elsewhere, unless authorized pursuant to Section 47-020.

(5) Industrial Outdoor Burning Requirements

(a) Industrial outdoor burning is prohibited inside the Eugene and Springfield Urban Growth Boundaries (ESUGB).

(b) Industrial outdoor burning is prohibited elsewhere, unless authorized pursuant to Section 47-020.

(6) Forest Slash Outdoor Burning

(a) Forest slash outdoor burning in areas covered by the Oregon Smoke Management Plan is regulated by the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 477.515.

(b) Forest slash outdoor burning in Lane County which is in areas outside the Oregon Smoke Management Plan is treated by LRAPA as follows:
Forest slash **outdoor open** burning is prohibited inside the Eugene and Springfield Urban Growth Boundaries (UGB).

Forest slash **outdoor open** burning is prohibited inside the affected areas described in 47-015(-2)(F), unless authorized pursuant to Section 47-020.

Forest slash **outdoor open** burning elsewhere in Lane County, on properties which are not covered by the ODF Smoke Management Plan, is prohibited unless authorized pursuant to Section 47-020.

Forest slash **outdoor open** burning will be coordinated with the ODF South Cascade and Western Lane districts, to ensure and will occur as consistently as possible with slash burning complies with resource protection standards/advisories issued by the ODF.

A written plan is required under the Oregon Forest Practices Act (ORS 527) when burning is to be conducted:

(a) within 100 feet of type D or F streams (domestic water supply or fish-bearing streams), lakes or significant wetlands (see OAR 629-605-0170(1)(a) and 629-615-0300(1)(c)); or

(b) within 300 feet of protected resources listed under OAR 629-605-0170(1)(b) (c) and (d); or

(c) on highly erosive soils.

The ODF should be contacted for all Forest Practices Act requirements.

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**Section 47-020 Outdoor Burning Letter Permits (OBLP)**

(1) Outdoor Open burning of commercial, industrial, construction, demolition, or forest slash wastes on a singly occurring or infrequent basis, which is otherwise prohibited, and a bonfire held for a single event, may be permitted by a letter permit issued by the Agency in accordance with this title and subject to the general requirements in Section 47-015(-1).

(2) Prescribed burning of standing vegetation for the purpose of species or wetland conversion, pursuant to federal or state laws or programs to promote or enhance habitat for indigenous species of plants or animals, which is otherwise prohibited, may be permitted by a letter permit issued by the Agency in accordance with 47-020. These permits require a permit fee of $1,000. The Director in his or her discretion may compromise the permit fee based upon factors that include, but are not limited to, complexity of the permit, number of proposed units, staff resources required or projected to be required relative to monitoring, public
outreach and complaint responses section 47-020. These permits require a permit fee of $100.

3. Prior to any burning, the applicant must also obtain a valid fire permit issued by the fire permit issuing agency having jurisdiction.

4. Permits issued for outdoor open burning other than prescribed burning of standing vegetation (47-020(-2)) require a permit fee of $104 per cubic yard, with a minimum fee of $1050.

5. The following factors shall be evaluated in determining whether a letter permit will be approved or denied:
   (a) The quantity, type, and combustibility of the materials proposed to be burned;
   (b) The costs and practicability of alternative disposal methods, including on-site and landfill disposal and salvage;
   (c) The seasonal timing and expected duration of the burn;
   (d) The willingness and ability of the applicant to promote efficient combustion by using heavy equipment, fans, pit incineration, or other appropriate methods;
   (e) The location of the proposed burn site with respect to potential adverse impacts;
   (f) The expected frequency of the need to dispose of materials by burning in the future;
   (g) Any prior outdoor open burning violations by the applicant; and
   (h) Any additional relevant information.

6. Upon receipt and review of the required information, the Agency may approve the application if it is satisfied that:
   (a) The applicant has demonstrated that all reasonable alternatives have been explored and no practicable alternative method for disposal of the material exists;
   (b) The proposed burning will not cause or contribute to significant degradation of air quality; and
   (c) There will be no actual or projected violation of any statute, rule, regulation, order, permit, ordinance, judgment, or decree.

7. The Agency may revoke or suspend an issued letter permit, with no refund of the fee, via written or verbal notice, on any of the following grounds:
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(a) Any material misstatement or omission in the required application information;

(b) If the conditions of the permit are being violated;

(c) Any actual or projected violation of any statute, rule, regulation, order, permit, ordinance, judgment, or decree; and

(d) Any other relevant factor.

(8) Failure to conduct outdoor open burning according to the conditions, limitations, or terms of a letter permit, or any outdoor open burning in excess of that permitted by the letter permit, shall be a violation of the permit and shall be cause for assessment of civil penalties or for other enforcement action by the Agency.

(9) Each letter permit issued by the Agency pursuant to this title rule shall contain at least the following elements:

(a) The location at which the burning is permitted to take place;

(b) A description of the material that may be burned;

(c) The calendar period during which the burning is permitted to take place;

(d) The equipment and methods required to be used by the applicant to insure efficient burning;

(e) The limitations, if any, based upon meteorological conditions required before burning may occur;

(f) Reporting requirements for both starting the fire and completion of the requested burning;

(g) A statement that Section 47-015 [1] is fully applicable to all burning under the permit;

(h) Such other conditions that the Agency considers to be desirable.

(i) A statement that the respective fire department may include any control, suppression, safety, or hazard conditions deemed appropriate by the fire department.

(10) Letter permits issued by the Agency pursuant to this title rule shall be forwarded to the fire permit issuing agency having jurisdiction. The fire permit issuing agency has the ultimate authority to issue or deny the burn permit.