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Dry Conditions and Continued Fire Danger Delay Outdoor Burning Season

At the request of the Lane Fire Defense Board, the outdoor burning season in Lane County has been postponed until weather conditions change. The late start to summer and lack of rain have created dry conditions, making it unsafe to burn. Despite cooling temperatures and recent showers, fire danger still remains high. The outdoor burning season normally starts on October 1, if conditions are safe. Residents are cautioned to check with their fire districts and LRAPA for further delays.

“LRAPA works cooperatively with local fire departments and will prohibit outdoor burning until further notification by the fire defense board that fire conditions have changed,” said Sally Markos, LRAPA spokesperson. Wildfires are still burning in some areas of western Oregon and rain is not predicted until early next week.

Once outdoor burning season begins, Willamette Valley residents should always call LRAPA’s outdoor burning line, 541-726-3976, before burning to verify that burning is allowed on any given day. Coastal Lane County residents can call 541-997-1757 for daily outdoor burning advisories. LRAPA recommends residents call their local fire departments for information regarding restrictions on burning in their areas before they burn. Some districts require permits for outdoor burning. Residents are also encouraged to find alternatives to outdoor burning, including chipping and composting. Detailed information about outdoor burning can be found at www.lrapa.org.

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