

Open Burning in Coastal Lane County

The Lane Regional Air Pollution Authority (LRAPA) regulates open burning in all of Lane County, in cooperation with the Oregon State Fire Marshal, Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF), and local fire departments and districts. LRAPA Open Burning regulations are designed to protect human health and the environment as they relate to air quality, while local fire department and district regulations relate to fire safety. Combined, the regulations comprise a set of standards with which the community can safely conduct open burns for the purpose of disposal.

Types of Open Burning

Residential Open Burning: The open burning of woody yard debris which has actually been generated in or around a residential dwelling.

Construction/Demolition Open Burning: The open burning of woody materials which are generated by removal of debris, logs, trees, brush or demolition materials from any site being prepared for land improvement or construction project.

Commercial Open Burning: The open burning of any woody waste generated by any wholesale, retail or commercial activity.

Industrial Open Burning: The open burning of any woody waste produced as a direct result of any manufacturing or industrial process.

At no time is it legal to burn anything other than wood debris

Who Regulates What?

LRAPA, Western Lane District (ODF), Siuslaw Rural Fire Protection District #1, Mapleton Rural Fire District and Swisshome/Deadwood Rural Fire District, all help regulate open burning in western Lane County, west of the tunnel on Highway 126 to the coast. Although LRAPA rules affect the entire county, the fire protection agencies may set additional rules to further protect their communities.

Residential Open Burning Requirements and Limitations:

LRAPA (phone 736-1056, or toll-free 1-877-285-7272) regulates all open burning within Lane County. Those rules:

- * Allow burning of yard trimmings and clean wood only;
- * Require that all fires be constantly attended;
- * Require all fires to be out by sunset; and
- * Allow burning to occur year-round, with permission from the local fire department/district.

ODF, Western Lane District, (phone 997-8713) regulates open burning in rural western Lane County outside the city of Florence. In addition to rules set by LRAPA, the District:

- * Requires burn permits prior to burning.
- * Requires on-site inspections of burn piles/sites prior to permit issuance during fire season.

Siuslaw Valley Fire & Rescue issues permits within their district outside of fire season.

Siuslaw Valley Fire & Rescue (phone 997-3212) works in conjunction with LRAPA and ODF, Western Lane District, with the regulations within their district. The District:

- * Requires Burn Permits prior to burning.

- * May require additional fire safety equipment be used.
- * Sets specific requirements for burn barrel use.

For burn information [inside the city of Florence](#), contact Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue, at 997-3212.

For burn information within the district, but [outside the city of Florence](#):

- * Contact ODF, Western Lane District, 997-8713.

Mapleton Rural Fire Protection District (phone 268-4721) works in conjunction with LRAPA and ODF, Western Lane District, with the regulations within their district. Burn permits are required year-round prior to burning. Contact Western Lane District, ODF, 997-8713, for a Burn Permit.

Swisshome/Deadwood Rural Fire Protection District (phone 268-4206) works in conjunction with LRAPA and ODF, Western Lane District, with the regulations within their district. Burn permits are required year-round prior to burning. Contact ODF, Western Lane District, 997-8713, for a Burning Permit.

Construction/Demolition Open Burning Requirements:

LRAPA: Burning of approved materials is allowed year-round with a valid permit from the local fire department/district, where required.

Commercial Open Burning Requirements:

LRAPA: Prohibited throughout the county, except by letter permit issued from LRAPA. Once issued, the applicant receives the permit from the local fire department or district of jurisdiction.

Industrial Open Burning Requirements:

LRAPA: Prohibited throughout the county, except by letter permit issued from LRAPA. Once issued, the applicant receives the permit from the local fire department or district of jurisdiction.

LRAPA open burning rules, Section 47-015, lists general requirements of all open burning which is regulated by the agency. The following is a partial listing of those requirements. Refer to LRAPA's rules and regulations for the entire list of open burning requirements.

- ✓ Residential open burning is the open burning of woody yard debris and clean wood which has actually been generated at a residential dwelling.
- ✓ All open burning must be constantly attended until extinguished.
- ✓ No person shall cause, or allow to be initiated or maintained, any open burning which creates a private or public nuisance or a hazard to public safety.
- ✓ Burning of any garbage, plastics, wire insulation, asbestos-containing materials, automobile parts, asphalt, petroleum by-products, petroleum-treated materials, rubber products, animal remains, or animal or vegetable matter related to any food service or preparation, or any other material which normally emits dense smoke, noxious odors or hazardous air contaminants is strictly prohibited.
- ✓ Outdoor barbecuing connected with group outings, festivals, fairs or similar occasions is allowed, with the exception of fires containing prohibited burning materials.
- ✓ All residential open burning fires must be extinguished by sunset.

Remember: Burning of paper is allowed as a fire starter only — do not burn bundles of newspapers, junk mail, magazines, books or cardboard. Recycle instead.

The following practices should be observed to minimize air pollution and prevent a fire hazard.

- ✓ Attend the fire at all time (this is required under LRAPA rules)
- ✓ Burn only dry, loosely stacked debris, free of dirt, rocks and other non-combustible material
- ✓ Build a small, hot fire to which fuel can be continuously fed, to avoid smoldering
- ✓ Have available tools for controlling or extinguishing the fire

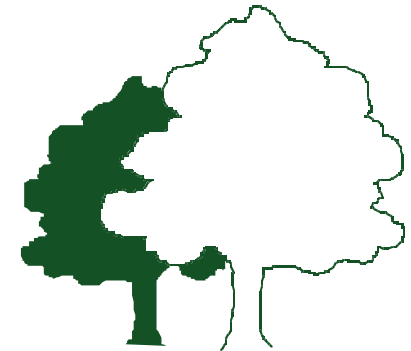
Open burning in Lane County **NOT** regulated by LRAPA includes:

- ✓ Residential barbecue equipment being used for cooking
- ✓ Fires set or permitted by any public agency for the use of weed abatement, fire hazard prevention, safety or fire fighting training
- ✓ Agricultural open burning — burning of wood and/or vegetation actually generated or used in an agricultural operation
- ✓ Open burning permitted under the Forest Practices Smoke Management Plan.

Burning of slash and land clearing materials outside the Forest Protection Area falls under LRAPA jurisdiction. Contact the State Department of Forestry if you have questions regarding your locale: 997-8713, or 935-2283.

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