

GENERAL SAFE BURN GUIDELINES

WHAT CAN YOU BURN?

IN THE CITY OF BEND: campfires*, warming fires*, commercial fire pits* and BBQ's ONLY.

OUTSIDE BEND: debris burning, commercial/agricultural burning, campfires*, warming fires*, commercial fire pits* and BBQ's

When NOT to burn:

- During fire season
- Windy days
- Air stagnation days
- When Bend Fire closes burning

Must have for ALL types of burning:

- Copy of the Burn Regulations
- An adult in attendance at all times
- Garden hose, a water bucket OR water fire extinguisher(s)
- Shovel and rake type tool
- You must have legal control or permission where burning is being conducted

Permissible for Debris Burning:

- NOT within the City of Bend
- Dry vegetative material / yard debris
- Clean wood or lumber (*no glues, paints, stains or treatments*)
- Clean, untreated paper/cardboard
- Weed burners

Permissible for Warming Fires*:

- Clean, cut fire wood (*untreated dimensional lumber is OK*)
- Charcoal briquettes

Time of day when you can burn:

- Debris fires – daylight hours only
- Campfires* – can be burned after dark as long as they are attended
- Fully extinguish with water so that the ash is cold to the touch when completed

Sizes and clearances:

- All burning** shall have 10 feet minimum clear space (down to ground dirt) around the pile or fire ring
- Debris piles** - no larger than 6 feet wide and 4 feet tall and at least 50 feet from structures and combustibles
- Campfires*** – no larger than 3 feet wide and 2 feet tall and at least 25 feet from structures/combustibles
- Burn barrels** - 15 feet from structures and combustibles

Commercially manufactured fire pits*:

- Follow manufacturers' safety guidelines for clearances and separation from structures and combustibles
- If no safety guidelines available, 15 feet separation shall be provided
- Only burn clean, cut fire wood (*untreated dimensional lumber is OK*) or briquettes

Fire area construction:

- Fire pits shall be lined by rocks or non-combustible materials
- Remove all roots in fire pit area
- Burn barrels shall be made of metal and have a metal screen on top (*holes less than 1/8" in size*)
- Barrel shall be kept in good condition

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

For fires in City of Bend

- NO open debris burning allowed** as per City Code 5.30.005. Failure to comply can result in a fine.
- Special permits can be obtained for:
 - Bonfires
 - Underground BBQ's
 - Other special fires

For fires outside the city limits of Bend

- Open debris burning is allowed if the burn regulations are followed
- Commercial open burning within 3 miles of the City of Bend boundaries requires a Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) authorization prior to issuing the Fire Department permit.** Contact the Bend DEQ office at 541-388-6146 to apply for a permit. After obtaining a DEQ permit, call 541-322-6309 to schedule an inspection for the permit.
- Agricultural burning** (fields, ditches, etc) **requires a burn permit** from Bend Fire Department. Call 541-322-6309 to schedule an inspection for the permit.
- Special permits** can be obtained for:
 - Bonfires
 - Underground BBQ's
 - Other special fires

** ALL types of fires may be banned in peak fire conditions. Call burn line to confirm burning is allowed each time.*

OUTDOOR BURNING REGULATIONS

Bend Fire Department



CALL BEFORE BURNING

541-322-6335

NO debris burning inside the city limits of Bend at any time.
(*Brush, grass, pine cones, pine needles, yard debris or similar materials*)

OUTSIDE the city limits, debris burning is allowed, conditions permitting, typically in the fall, winter and spring months. Call to ensure burning is open each time you wish to burn.

Campfires, warming fires and cooking fires, in approved fire rings or appliances, are allowed year round when the enclosed regulations are followed.*

For more information call 541-322-6309 during business hours or visit our website www.bendoregon.gov/burninginfo

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PROHIBITED MATERIALS (ALL TYPES OF BURNING)

Plastics	Wire Insulation	Rubber	Animal Waste	Garbage	All Petroleum Products
Vehicles	Food Service Waste	Mobile Homes	Construction Waste	Stumps	Industrial and Commercial Waste

BEND FIRE DEPARTMENT



IMPORTANT NOTICES

Debris fires shall be fully extinguished before dark or before leaving the property. Campfires, warming fires and BBQ's can continue after dark while attended.

Fires shall be cold to the touch to be considered completely out.

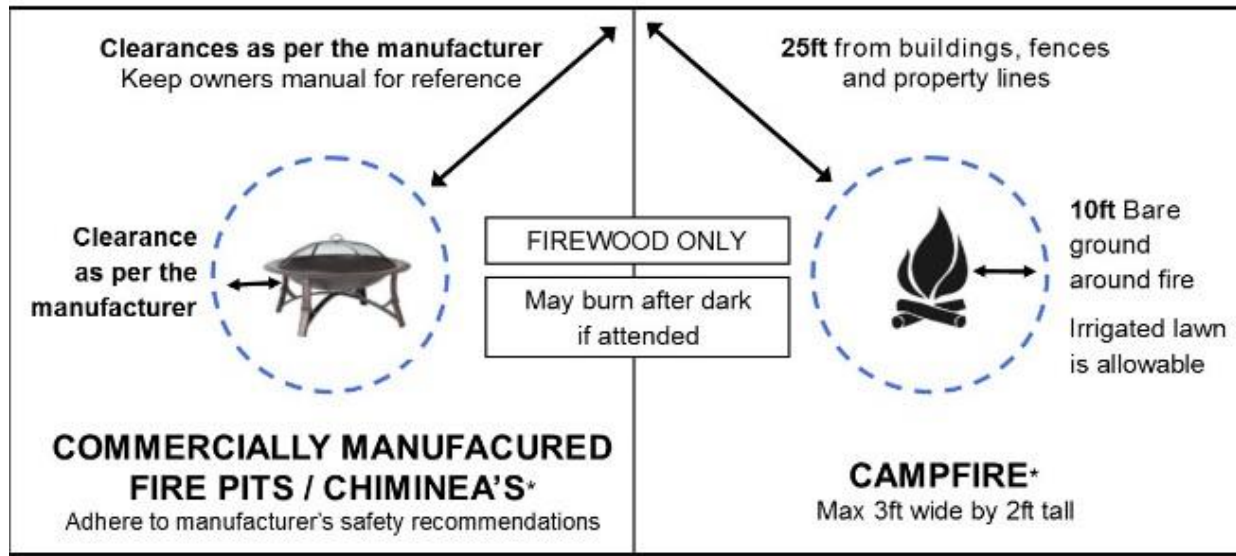
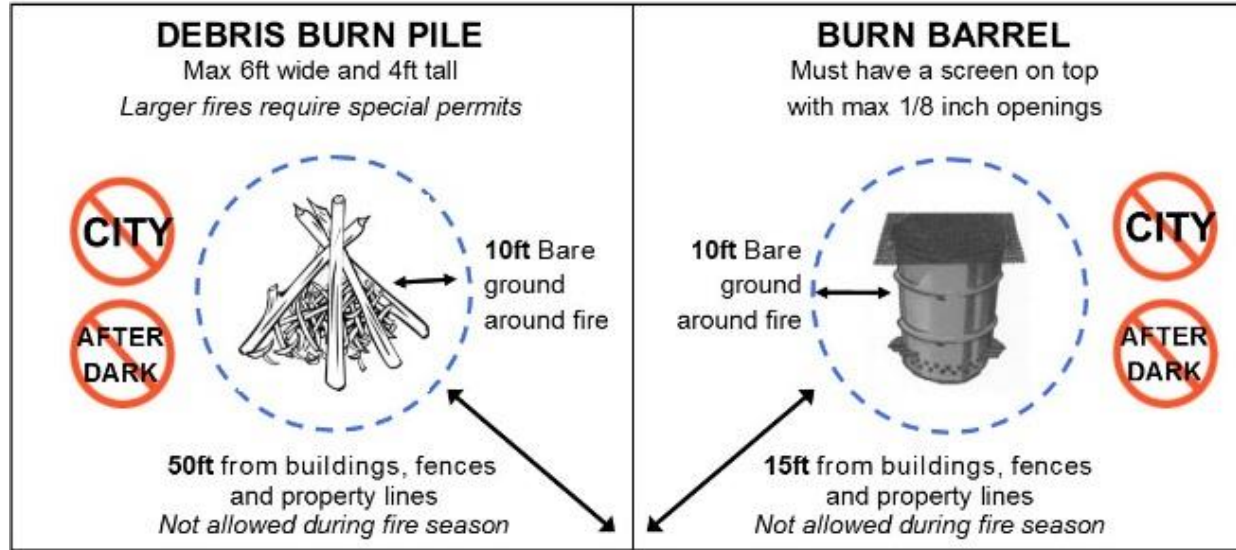
You are completely responsible, criminally and personally, including any suppression costs, for any fire you start. This brochure does NOT relieve responsibility for conducting a safe and attended burn.

All debris burning will be banned during fire season.

Failure to have a copy of the outdoor burning regulations at the burning site, or failure to follow these burn regulations will be a violation. *Bend Code 5.30.005 DCRFPD#2 Code 10-1*

Minimum Clearances for Safe Burning

Same Clearances for both CITY and RURAL burning



PRE BURNING CHECKLIST

- Called burn info line 541-322-6335
- Is it OK to burn where you are located?
- Have water or hose?
- Shovel and/or rake handy?
- Not too windy to burn?
- Fire season is not in effect?
- Burning allowable materials?
- Adult (18+ years) present?

NO BURNING WHEN:

Except campfires/warming fires

- WINDS OVER 15 MPH
- BURNING IS CLOSED (high winds, fire season, air stagnation, etc)
- WHEN THE FIRE CAN NOT BE ATTENDED



Follow the Regulations ♦ Burn Safely ♦ Be Safe