

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
- Must have legal control or written permission of property owner

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, dry fire wood (*untreated dimensional lumber is OK*)
- Charcoal briquettes
- Gas fire appliances (*NG or LPG*)

Time of day when you can burn:

- Debris fires – daylight hours only
- Campfires – are allowed after dark as long as they are attended

Sizes and clearances:

- All burning** shall have 10 feet around the fire clear of combustibles
- Debris piles** up to 3ft wide and 2ft tall shall be at least 25ft from any structure*
- Debris piles** up to 6ft wide and 4ft tall shall be at least 50ft from any structure*
- Campfires** up to 3ft wide and 2ft tall shall be at least 25ft from structures*
- Burn barrels** shall be at least 15ft from any structure*

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, dry fire wood (*untreated dimensional lumber is OK*) or briquettes

Fire area construction:

- Fire pits shall be lined by rocks or non-combustible materials
- 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

**Structure: anything constructed or built (fences, decks, buildings, sheds, and covered patios) located on or attached to the ground, but excepting ground-level outdoor areas such as paved areas, driveways or walks*

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
- Burn permit** – for any fire larger than 6ft in diameter, all field burning, commercial fires or other fires not specifically covered in these regulations need a burn permit. To Apply for a permit go to: <https://cityview.ci.bend.or.us/portal> and follow the prompts for a Fire Request.
- 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. Submit the DEQ issued permit with your online burn permit application.
- All burning shall be done to as to not create objectionable or noxious smoke

* *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 & Rescue



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 541-322-6386 during business hours or visit our website www.bendoregon.gov/burninginfo

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PROHIBITED MATERIALS (ALL TYPES OF BURNING)

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|-----------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Plastics/Rubber | Wire Insulation | Garbage | Animal Waste | All Petroleum Products | Yard Debris (within City Limits) |
| Vehicles | Food Service Waste | Mobile Homes | Construction Waste | Stumps | Industrial and Commercial Waste |

BEND FIRE & RESCUE



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.

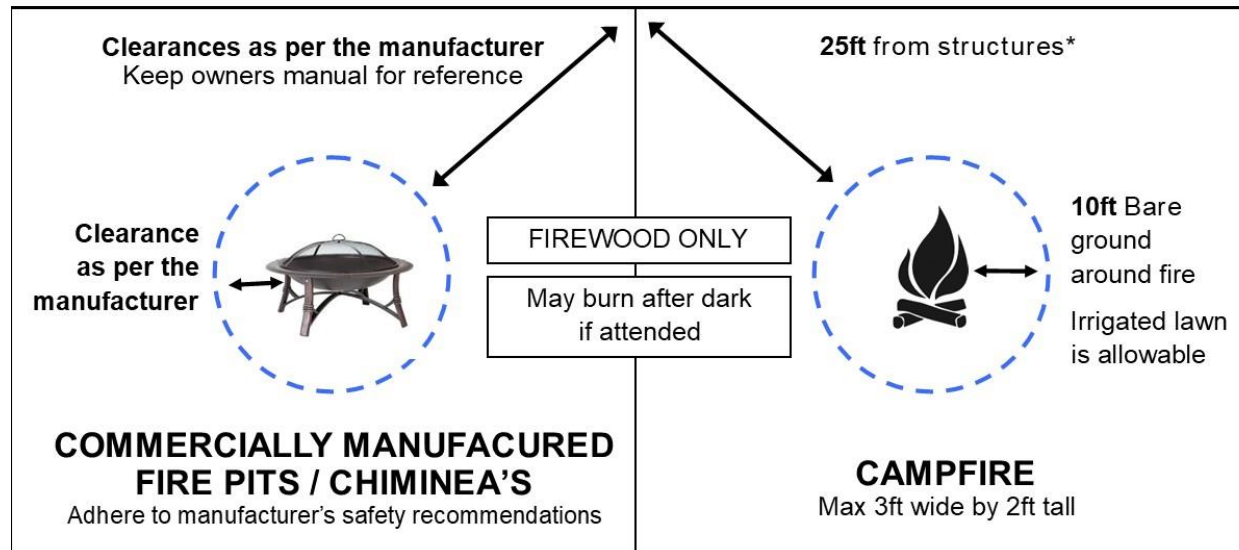
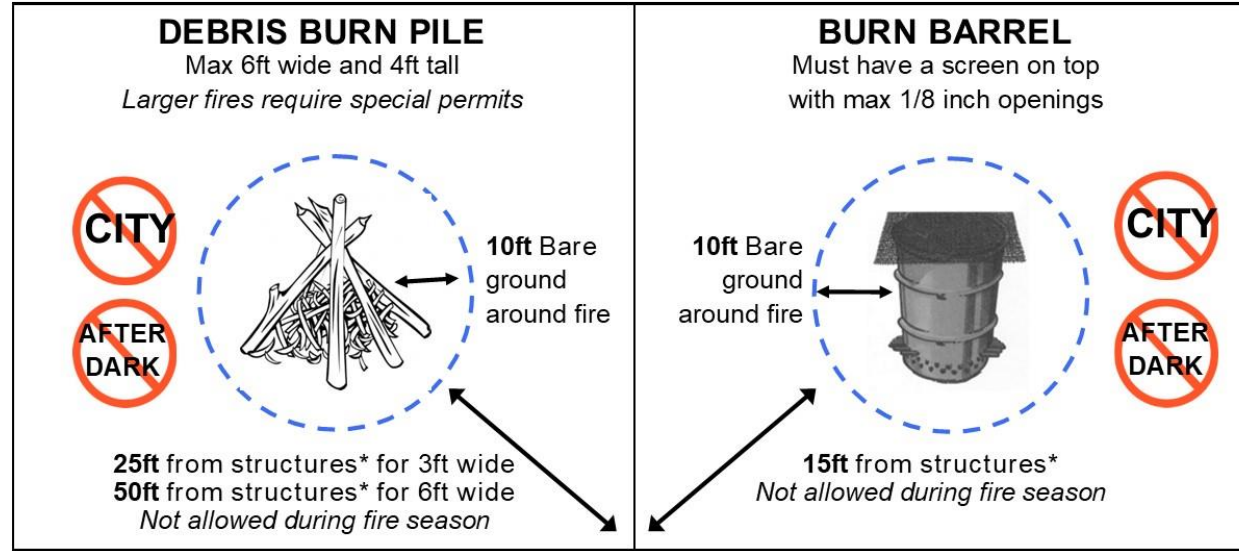
You are completely responsible, criminally and personally, including any suppression costs, for any fire you start. This brochure does NOT relieve responsibility for conducting a safe and attended burn.

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:

- 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