

Free Dumpster Permits for Firewise USA® Communities

The City of Bend recognizes the threat of wildfire to the Central Oregon region and wants to promote mitigation efforts citywide by supporting groups interested in reducing the risk of wildfire in their neighborhood and community.

The City is Offering free permits for Firewise USA® communities (or those in the process of becoming a Firewise USA® community) to place dumpsters on City rights-of-way for yard debris removal events.

To obtain a free dumpster permit for your Firewise USA® event:

- Email or call Community Relations Manager Makayla Oliver at moliver@bendoregon.gov or 541-323-8571 to request verification of eligibility and begin the permit process. Requests must be made at least 30 days before your event.
- Your status as a Firewise USA® certified site will be confirmed at nfpa.org/Firewise. Those in the process of obtaining a Firewise USA® certification are also eligible for a free permit.
- Decide where your dumpster(s) will be placed for your event.

Where dumpsters can go:

- Local roads or residential streets. Visit the [Community Development Data Explorer](#) to verify whether your road meets this definition. Once you click on the link, you will need to click on the “Data Explorer” tab and select “Transportation System Plan – Roads” in the layer section.
- Ensure a 20’ through lane for emergency vehicle access in the event of an emergency. A 28’ street width is preferred for proposed roads to support this accessibility.

Dumpsters can NOT go:

- Dumpsters cannot be placed in a way that would make it hard for someone to safely see while turning onto nearby roads.
- They cannot be through an intersection of roads such as roundabouts, four-way stops and traffic lights.



Once the dumpster location is decided, submit the following:

- **Site Plan:** City staff will need a basic site plan for the event that shows where dumpsters will be located. This could be a Google Maps aerial screenshot with the proposed dumpster locations highlighted on the map.
- **Proof of Insurance:** The City of Bend requires that permit applicants have insurance coverage to obtain a permit. Coverage requirement to obtain a right-of-way permit is \$2 million aggregate. Applicants will need to provide a certificate of insurance before a permit will be issued. If you do not have insurance that meets these requirements, the City will connect you with the **Neighborhood District** in which your event is planned as a potential partnership opportunity.

After reviewing your submitted materials, the City will:

- City staff will ask you to sign a revocable agreement that removes City liabilities if accidents occur involving the dumpsters in City-owned rights-of-way. This basically means the City may ask you to remove the dumpster if an accident involving the dumpster happens.
- The City then will issue a permit.

Once you have the permit:

- Make sure to give your permit information to the company you are reserving a dumpster through, as they will need to see it to deliver the dumpster for your event.

Questions? Contact Makayla Oliver at (541) 323-8571 or moliver@bendoregon.gov

To be certified as a Firewise USA® site, communities are responsible for meeting certain criteria such as holding annual educational activities and fire risk reduction events.

Learn more about becoming a certified Firewise USA® site at nfpa.org/Firewise.



Accommodation Information for People with Disabilities

To obtain this information in an alternate format such as Braille, large print, electronic formats, etc. Please contact Makayla Oliver at moliver@bendoregon.gov or 541-323-8571. Relay Users Dial 7-1-1