

# Columbia County Fire Defense Board

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## **OPEN BURNING ALLOWED- OCTOBER 14, 2026 AT 0100**

Open back yard debris burning is open effective the date above. Anticipated rainfall and our upcoming fall weather are allowing local fire districts to terminate the burn ban in the county. Debris burning will be allowed again beginning Wednesday October 14, 2026, with a valid burning permit as decided by local fire districts. Keeping in mind the recent wildfires throughout Oregon, please ensure any outdoor burning is conducted as safely as possible.

Recreational campfires, fire pits, and backyard debris burning is now permitted on DEQ approved burn days. Yard debris and open burning is allowed only in permitted areas. Yard debris and open burning is only permitted in the City of St. Helens and the City of Columbia City on given burn days, please be sure you check the regulations in your specific area before burning. Burning household garbage, plastics, petroleum products and rubber products are not allowed.

Those burning are encouraged to use caution when burning debris piles. Any open burning must be attended by a non-impaired, responsible adult. A water source and hand tool to suppress any escaped fires should also be kept on site during any open burning. The public is encouraged to remain vigilant for changing weather conditions and use caution when burning.

**It is the individual property owner's responsibility to check daily to ensure it is a burn day by dialing the fire district's burn line as listed on your burn permit.**

**Escaped fires of any kind resulting in property damage or requiring suppression efforts from a fire agency, may result in fines and individual financial responsibility for damages caused.**

Commercial burning such as slash burns are regulated by the Oregon Department of Forestry.

For more information regarding campfires, recreational burning and debris burning please visit our websites at:

Clatskanie Fire: <https://www.clatskaniefire.org/>

Columbia River Fire & Rescue: <https://www.crfr.com/>

Mist Birkenfeld RFPD: <https://www.mistbirkenfeldrfd.org/>

Oregon Department of Forestry: <https://www.oregon.gov/odf/fire/Pages/burn.aspx>

Scappoose Fire District: <https://www.srfd.us/>

Vernonia RFPD: <https://www.vernoniarfd.us/>

Sauvie Island Fire District: <https://www.sifire.org/>