

# **THREE RIVERS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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## **OPEN FIRE REGULATIONS**

**NEVER LEAVE ANY FIRE UNATTENDED  
AND MAKE SURE  
IT IS DEAD OUT!**

**! NO FIREWORKS !**

**ALWAYS CALL THE FIRE RESTRICTIONS LINE  
BEFORE YOU HAVE A FIRE**

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**CALL 541-410-5077**

**REMEMBER - YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FIRE AND COULD BE  
HELD LIABLE FOR DAMAGE OR SUPPRESSION IF THE FIRE ESCAPES.**

**A COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT MUST BE PRESENT ON ALL PROPERTIES  
WITH AN OPEN FIRE.**

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**\*PEOPLE OF ALL AGES CAN BE STRUCK BY THE DISASTER OF A  
CLOTHING FIRE.**

**IF YOUR CLOTHES CATCH FIRE-STOP, DROP, ROLL !!**

**WHEN ROLLING, COVER YOUR FACE WITH YOUR HANDS.**

**IT ONLY TAKES A COUPLE OF MINUTES TO LEARN AND  
PRACTICE THIS LIFESAVING SKILL**

**\*MORE\***



**PROHIBITED FIRE ACTIVITIES AND ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE A BURNING PERMIT:**

- **FIREWORKS**
- **BURNING OF AUTOS & TIRES.**
- **STRUCTURE BURNING \* INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO TRAILER'S, CAMPERS, RV'S, AND ANY BUILDING.**
- **OPEN FIELD BURNING \* GRASS AREAS & BRUSH AREAS.**
- **NOTE, BURNING PERMITS ARE NOT CURRENTLY BEING ISSUED FOR ANY OF THE PROHIBITED FIRE ACTIVITIES.**



**WOOD STOVES & OTHER WOOD APPLIANCES FOR ENCLOSED FIRE'S:**

- **USED FOR HEATING A HOME ARE ALLOWED**
- **USED OUTSIDE AS A COOKING SOURCE OR AS A HEAT SOURCE ARE NOT ALLOWED WHEN OPEN BURNING RESTRICTIONS ARE IN EFFECT**



**IF YOU DECIDE TO HAVE A CAMPFIRE:**

CALL 541-410-5077 FOR FIRE RESTRICTIONS

**Making a safe campfire:**

- > Have the three fire tools: a bucket for water, a shovel and an axe.
- > Pick a safe campfire site - not under tree branches or next to bushes.
- > Clear an area 10 feet in diameter of all vegetation or debris such as juniper needles and dry grass - down to mineral soil.
- > Make sure your firewood fits into your fire ring or pit .
- > Never leave a campfire unattended.

**Putting your campfire dead out:**

- > Break up the coals using your shovel.
- > Using your bucket pour water on the fire.
- > Stir and turn over the wet coals with your shovel.
- > Keep doing this until the fire is out
- > There can be heat and no smoke so check to make sure it is out, dead out.

**\*MORE\***



**IF YOU HAVE A PROPANE CAMPFIRE :**

CALL 541-410-5077 FOR FIRE RESTRICTIONS

- WHEN FIRE RESTRICTIONS ARE IN AFFECT, BURNING OF ANY OTHER FUEL ( PAPER, WOOD, DEBRIS, ETC.) IN A PROPANE CAMPFIRE IS NOT ALLOWED AND IS IN VIOLATION OF FIRE RESTRICTIONS.
  
- (PROPANE CAMPFIRE'S SITES MUST BE APPROVED THROUGH JEFFERSON COUNTY PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPT. VIA A PERMIT WHEN RUNNING A LINE FROM THE PERMANENT TANK. IT MUST BE INSTALLED BY A CERTIFITED PROPANE INSTALLER) This does not apply to propane appliances running on a small portable tank.
  
- REGISTER YOUR PROPANE CAMPFIRE WITH THE 3 RIVERS OFFICE AT THE FRONT GATE.



**IF YOU CHOOSE TO BURN YOUR DEBRIS:**

CALL 541-410-5077 FOR FIRE RESTRICTIONS

**\*NOTE NO BRUSH BURNING ON WINDY DAYS, DAYS WITH PREDICTED LIGHTNING OR WIND.**

TAKE SOME STEPS TO LOWER YOUR RISK OF AN ESCAPE:

1. CHECK WITH 3 RIVERS FIRE DEPT BEFORE YOU DO ANY BURNING. IS BURNING ALLOWED ? CALL 541-410-5077 FOR FIRE RESTRICTIONS.
  
2. DO YOU KNOW THE PREDICTED WEATHER CONDITIONS FOR THE DAY YOU WANT TO BURN AND FOR THE FOLLOWING **THREE DAYS** ?
  
3. DO YOU HAVE THE PROPER HAND TOOLS ( SHOVEL, WATER-HOSE, BLADDER BAG, BUCKETS OF WATER, ETC, AND THE PEOPLE TO USE THEM ON-SITE ?
  
4. ARE YOU PREPARED TO STAY WITH THE FIRE UNTIL IT IS COMPLETELY OUT ?
  
5. PLACE YOUR DEBRIS PILE IN A CLEARED OPENING AWAY FROM TREES , OVERHEAD BRANCHES, AND AWAY FROM STRUCTURES.

**OREGON FIRE CODE:**

THE OREGON FIRE CODE REQUIRES 50 FOOT CLEARANCE FROM BURN PILES TO STRUCTURES AND PROVISIONS SHALL BE MADE TO PREVENT FIRE FROM SPREADING TO WITHIN 50 FEET OF STRUCTURES. EXCEPTION: IF THE DEBRIS PILE IS ONLY 3 FEET OR SMALLER IN DIAMETER IT MAY BE 25 FEET FROM STRUCTURES.

**\*MORE\***



**IF YOU ARE BURNING IN A BURN BARREL:**

CALL 541-410-5077 FOR FIRE RESTRICTIONS

1. CHECK WITH 3 RIVERS FIRE DEPT BEFORE YOU DO ANY BURNING.  
IS BURNING ALLOWED ? CALL 541-410-5077 FOR FIRE RESTRICTIONS.
2. PLACE IT AT LEAST TEN FEET FROM COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS OR  
VEGETATION AND MAINTAIN THE AREA THROUGH THE GROWING  
SEASON.
3. HAVE A METAL SCREEN WITH OPENINGS NO LARGER THAN 1/4 INCH.
4. VENTILATE AND SCREEN THE VENTED AREA AT THE BOTTOM OF THE  
BARREL TO CREATE A DRAFT THAT WILL ALLOW THE FIRE TO  
BURN HOT WITH LESS SMOKE.

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IF AUTHORIZED OR UNAUTHORIZED OPEN BURNING OR OTHER ACTIVITIES  
RESULTS IN ESCAPE OF FIRE, THE PROPERTY OWNER SHALL ALSO BE  
RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COST TO CONTROL AND SUPPRESS THE FIRE.  
COST SHALL BE ASSESSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STANDARDIZED  
COST SCHEDULE ADOPTED BY THE OREGON STATE FIRE MARSHAL

**PLEASE BE CAREFUL WITH FIRE AT 3 RIVERS RECREATION AREA.**

DO NOT CALL JEFFERSON COUNTY FOR FIRE RESTRICTIONS.  
WE ARE OUT OF THEIR JURISDICTION.

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