

**Effective 10/01/2020 at 08:00**

**Marion County Fire Defense Board to reduce complete burn ban restrictions**

On Sept 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Marion County Fire Defense Board issued a total burn ban for all areas of Marion County. While we are still dry for the season and will continue to see some above average temperatures the next several days, we are seeing good relative humidity recoveries in the evenings. With the good relative humidity recoveries and recent rainfalls, we have determined it is safe to reduce some of the restrictions currently in place. As a reminder, we are still in fire season along with ODF protected lands in the North Cascade District.

**Still Active**

- There is a Covid -19 voluntary request to curtail outdoor burning

**Not allowed**

- Backyard burning
- Land clearing or slash burning
- The burning of garbage is never allowed

**What is allowed?**

- BBQ or outside cooking fires in an approved device / fire ring or fireplace
- Warming fires in an approved fire ring or fireplace.

**Agricultural Burning**

- Check with Department of Agriculture and your local fire agency.

***For daily burning information please call the below numbers. Backyard burning is expected to be delayed at least OCT. 15<sup>th</sup>. Before burning, you must call to confirm the daily burning information.***

***Salem, Keizer, MCFD#1 Phone 503-588-6524 / All other areas of Marion County, phone 877-982-0011***

Those living in rural areas are asked to maintain their defensible space by monitoring growth surrounding homes and structures, and to maintain adequate access for firefighting equipment,

\* Know fire risks and obey fire restrictions, such as campfire bans. \* Avoid parking or driving on dry grass as hot vehicles can start a wildfire. \* Vehicles are required to have a shovel and fire extinguisher or at least a gallon of water in many areas. \* Do not use candles, fireworks, tiki torches, or other open flames in wildland areas. \* Remember that sky lanterns are illegal in Oregon airspace. \* Dispose of smoking material in deep, sturdy ashtrays. \* Make sure butts and ashes are extinguished with water. \* Never discard butts on the ground or in vegetation.