

Question and Answers:

Q: What is the purpose of the burn policy ?

A: The purpose of the burn policy is to provide for reasonable accommodations for open burning to be conducted within the boundaries of the fire district and prohibit fires that emit smoke that create a nuisance or are hazardous to our health.

Q: What can I burn?

A: Paper, cardboard, and yard debris which includes dry limbs, twigs, and cut trees shrubbery.

Q: Can I burn leaves, grass clippings or other slow burning vegetable material.

A: Yes, leaves and grass clippings **MUST** be dry. Wet debris cannot be burned as it creates smoke that can be a nuisance as well as this smoke has been found to be hazardous to our health.

Q: I have a burn barrel what can I burn?

A: If you cut down your burn barrel you can burn paper and cardboard only. Limbs, twigs, and cut tree shrubbery only can be burned in a burn barrel as long as only yard debris is burned, barrel is in good shape and a screen with 1/4 inch opening or less is used.

Q: Must I attend the fire at all times?

A: All open burning shall be constantly supervised until the fire is dead out.

Q: My neighbor burns household garbage is this legal.

A: Burning household garbage other than paper, cardboard, and yard debris is not allowed at all times.

Q: I have a patio fire place how far from a structure does it have to be?

A: 15 feet from a structure.

Q: What do I need before I burn?

A: Safety equipment shall be readily available during burning for use in extinguishing the fire. A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating or other approved on-site fire extinguishing equipment such as water, garden hose or water truck shall be available for immediate utilization. For large open burn pile contact the fire district at 541-567-8822 and request an inspection prior to ignition of the fire.

Q: Does the burn rules apply to a business?

A: Businesses can burn tumbleweeds and brush only. Open burning of construction, demolition and commercial waste within the City of Hermiston and within a three (3) mile radius of the City of Hermiston requires an open burn Letter Permit from Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ).

Q: Is burning allowed during the no burning period?

A: Yes, under special circumstances, please contact the Fire Marshal for assistance.

Q: Is a burn permit required in the City of Stanfield?

A: YES, a burn permit issued by the City of Stanfield is required for open burning within the City Limits in accordance with Ordinance 424-2018.

Q: Am I protected from liability when burning in accordance with these regulations?

A: No, Under ORS 476.380(3)(b), the failure to provide adequate protection for the escape of fire and injury or damage to the property of another, constitutes prima facie evidence that the burning was not safe.

Umatilla County Fire District #1 320 South 1st Street Hermiston, Oregon 97838

Burn Policy

Open burning is allowed under the following conditions:

***Within the City Limits of Stanfield Burning is allowed by Permit Only except small recreational and cooking fires. Permits must be obtained from City Hall per Ordinance 424-2018.**

***Other areas covered by Umatilla County Fire District #1:**

-The use of burn barrels or other burning containers as well as incinerators are allowed to burn paper and cardboard only. Burn barrels shall be no higher than three feet tall, be in good condition and have a screen with 1/4 inch or less openings when in use.

-Burning of yard debris is allowed during open burning periods which includes limbs, twigs, and cut trees shrubbery, but excludes wet tree leaves, grass clippings, and other slow burning vegetative material.

**NO BURNING ALLOWED
JUNE 1ST TO SEPT. 30**

-Open burning from October 1 to May 31 is allowed only during burn days allowed by Umatilla County. Please call 541-278-6397 prior to burning.

-Burning hours are 10:00 A.M. to Sunset.
-Fire must be extinguished by dark.
-Large burns can be called into the District, 541-567-8822.

-Burning is allowed on burn days during any of the following weather conditions:

-Temperature under 90 degrees Fahrenheit.
-Wind below 10 MPH
-Humidity above 15%

Umatilla County Fire District #1
Burn Policy does not apply to:

-Recreational burning, cooking fires, and
Ceremonial Fires no larger than 3' x 3'.

-Barbecue and other outdoor cooking
appliances

-Agricultural burns – field burning more than 2
acres. (Must follow Umatilla County Smoke
Management Permit Requirements).

-Field Burning of less than 2 acres must follow
the requirements for open burning and fire
protection equipment provisions.

-Open burning of construction, demolition and
commercial waste within the City of Hermiston and
within a three (3) mile radius of the City of
Hermiston requires an open burn letter from
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality and
the Umatilla County Fire District #1. Once domes-
tic waste is removed from the property of its origin,
it becomes commercial waste and permits from
ODEQ and UCFD 1 are required.

-All unconfined burning piles shall be located so as
to provide a safety area around any fire. The
location for open burning of burn piles 3 feet in
diameter or less and 2 feet in height or less shall
not be less than 25 feet from any structure, and
provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from
spreading to within 25 feet of any structure. The
location for open burning of piles larger than 3 feet
in diameter shall not be less than 50 feet from any
structure, and provisions shall be made to prevent
the fire from spreading to within 50 feet of any
structure.

Nuisance, or hazardous fires are prohibited

**It is unlawful to burn the
following:**

Rubber Products

Tires and Automotive Parts

Plastics/Wire Insulation

Wet Garbage

Disposable Diapers

Petroleum Product

Petroleum Treated Materials

Asphalt or Industrial Waste

Wet Tree Leaves, Grass Clippings

**Any material that emits large
volumes of smoke is prohibited**

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Ceremonial Fires

Groups or organizations must have site
inspected and permission granted
before a ceremonial fire.

All rules for unconfined burning piles shall
apply.

Cooking Fires and Recreational Fires

Cooking Fires and Recreational fires shall
be no larger than 3 x 3 feet.

All rules for burning shall apply.

Cooking Fires larger than 3 x 3 feet are
allowed only after permission is granted by
Umatilla County Fire District #1.

Violation of Burn policy

ORS 478.965 allows the fire district to recover costs
of suppressing unlawful fires and attorney fees.

Violation of the Umatilla County Fire District #1
Burn Policy may be punishable by a fine not to
exceed \$250.00 or the cost of fire response and/or
suppression for apparatus and personnel, which ever
is greater in accordance with the Fire District Cost
Recovery Ordinance.

In addition to the above, Violation of the burn
ordinance 424-2018 for the City of Stanfield will be
forwarded to the City for enforcement.