



# UMATILLA COUNTY BURN PERMIT

For non-agricultural burning outside of a designated Fire District

## DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE PLANNING

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Additional Information can be obtained by visiting

[www.umatillacounty.net](http://www.umatillacounty.net)

Permit No.

BP- \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Permit Fee \$20

Please make check payable to Umatilla County

Emergency ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE Home ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

STREET

CITY

STATE

ZIP

LEGAL OWNER(S) \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

STREET

CITY

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Site Address of the Property \_\_\_\_\_

Common description of residential burn location  
(distance from a landmark, adjacent roads, city, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Have you received non-agricultural burn permits in the past for this location?  
 Yes, what year? \_\_\_\_\_  
 No

What materials are proposed to be burned?  
( check all that apply )  
 Burn barrel  Yard debris  
 Fence lines  Other (please describe)

(See reverse side for prohibited materials list) \_\_\_\_\_

Amount or size of burn:  
(Smoke Management permits required for 2+ acres) \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that I am responsible for damage to property caused by any fire that I ignite if the fire spreads across property lines. I understand that I may be subject to possible civil and/or criminal penalties if I violate the terms of this permit and Chapter 91 of the Umatilla County Code of Ordinances, and burn without a valid permit.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Burning can only occur on designated **BURN DAYS**. Call the **County Burn Line at (541) 278-6397, TOLL-FREE at 1-800-305-2876** or check the county website ([www.umatillacounty.net](http://www.umatillacounty.net)) for current burn day information. A copy of this permit must be present during all open burning.

### For Office Use Only

DATE APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED BY \_\_\_\_\_

TWP \_\_\_\_\_ RNG \_\_\_\_\_ SEC \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Lot \_\_\_\_\_ Account # \_\_\_\_\_

**VALID FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR \_\_\_\_\_ ONLY**

# EXCERPTS FROM UMATILLA COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 91

## § 91.03 BURNING PERMITS

Without first obtaining a burning permit from Umatilla County, no person shall cause or permit to be initiated or maintained on the property of the person, or cause to be initiated or maintained on the property of another, any open burning of commercial waste, demolition material, domestic waste, industrial waste, land clearing debris or field burning, outside the boundaries of a rural fire protection district, a forest protection district or other area identified in ORS 476.310. A burning permit is required for common burn barrels.

## § 91.06 DESIGNATED BURN DAYS

A. A County Burning Permit holder shall conduct burning only on days designated as BURN days.

B. Permit holders shall contact the designated County Burning Permit information number prior to initiating a burn in order to determine the designated burn status for the day, which will be either BURN or NO BURN. If both a morning and afternoon status report are provided, persons burning prior to 12:00 noon shall call for the morning burn status report and persons burning in the afternoon shall call for the afternoon burn status report, prior to igniting any fires after 12:00 noon.

C. Umatilla County shall make a daily determination of designated burn status.

D. The following days shall automatically constitute NO BURN days:

(1) Air stagnation days designated by the National Weather Service or which might unreasonably impact periods of non-compliance with National Ambient Air Quality Standards for a local community, considering the meteorological and other ambient air conditions;

(2) Days on which the State Fire Marshall or designated agent has prohibited burning based on general fire safety conditions;

(3) Additional days so designated by the Board of Commissioners due to adverse weather conditions or prolonged dry conditions.

## § 91.07 PROHIBITED BURNING

A. Permit Holders shall not ignite a fire if the wind speed exceeds 20 miles per hour and are discouraged from igniting fires when wind speeds exceed 15 miles per hour. Each burner shall be responsible for monitoring wind speed at the site of the fire with the understanding that designation as a BURN day is no guarantee of safe conditions for burning.

B. Permit Holders shall not ignite a fire if the temperature rises above 95° or the humidity falls below 20%.

C. Tree stumps may not be open burned unless they have first been removed from the ground and allow to dry, so they will burn without creating a dense smoke and without smoldering for an extended period of time.

D. No materials which are on the Department of Environmental Quality list of materials prohibited from burning may be burned in Umatilla County. (*See Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) 340-023-0042(2).*) *These prohibitions include burning wet garbage, plastic, wire insulation, automobile part, asphalt, petroleum product, rubber product, and animal remains.*

## § 91.08 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

A. No burn shall be ignited before 7:30 A.M. or after two hours before sunset.

B. All open flame shall be extinguished no later than one hour after sunset, including smoldering piles of materials, unless there is at least one person designated to provide ongoing fire safety watch at all times, including through the night if necessary to assure fire safety.

C. There must be water spray equipment on the site with enough personnel to operate the equipment. For field burns or other isolated locations the equipment must be on a truck or other motor vehicle capable of travel over the area to be burned and the surrounding terrain.

D. On agricultural field burns and other large burns, the area to be burned must be surrounded by a fire break of at least 10 feet in width. The break may be a natural barrier, such as a road or summer fallow, or be plowed or disked to mineral soil by the permit holder.

E. For burn barrels, the barrels must be constructed of metal in good condition and have a heavy duty screen top. At least ten feet around the barrel must be clear of all material that could cause a fire to escape or to spread.

## § 91.10 LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE OR INJURY

A. The issuance of a permit does not relieve any holder or person from responsibility for liability for any injury or damage that may result from any burning.

B. Each person may be responsible for damage to property, the cost of fighting a fire, and possibly civil or criminal penalties as a result of any burning.

C. 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.