

General Requirements

◆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. **The designation as a Burn Day is no guarantee of safe conditions for burning. FIRE SAFETY WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH BURNER, CONTACT THE FIRE DISTRICT BEFORE BURNING.**

◆Open burning shall be conducted in a manner that minimizes unsafe driving conditions on nearby roads and highways.

◆Tree stumps may not be openly burned unless they have first been let dry so they will burn without creating a dense smoke and without smoldering for an extended period of time.

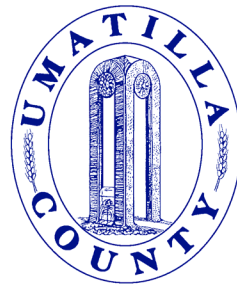
◆State law (OAR340-023-0042(2)) strictly prohibits burning rubber products, wet garbage, plastic, petroleum products, animal remains and other material that emits dense smoke or noxious odors. Contact DEQ at 276-4063 regarding proper disposal of these materials.

Enforcement and Penalties

Open burning without a Smoke Management Permit, base penalty \$500.00.

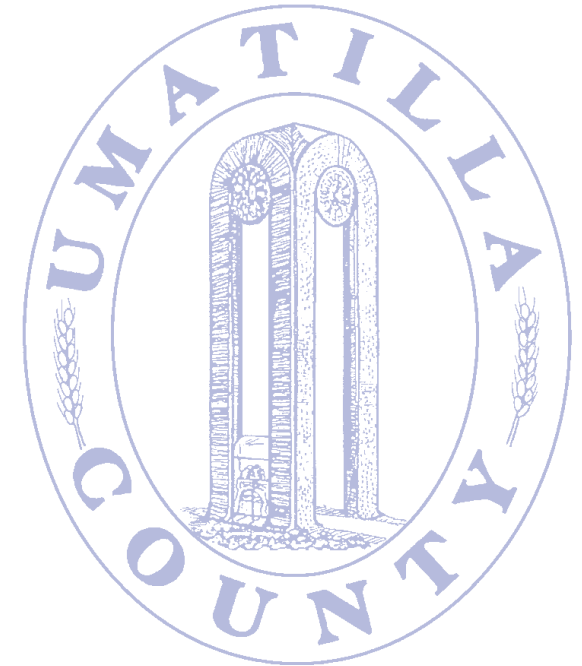
Burning on a designated **NO BURN** day, base penalty \$500.00.

Failure to properly report an intended burn to the Umatilla County Information Number, base penalty \$100.00.



**For more program
information and a detailed
copy of the Smoke
Management Ordinance
contact Umatilla County
Emergency Management
541-966-3705**

UMATILLA COUNTY **SMOKE MANAGEMENT PERMIT INFORMATION**



**Umatilla County
Department of
Land Use Planning
216 SE 4th Street
Pendleton, OR 97801
541-278-6252**

Who needs to obtain a smoke management permit?

Anyone in Umatilla County who plans to do any open field burning of areas two acres and larger or open burning in commercial orchards, **excluding** the Umatilla Indian Reservation, and lands protected by the Oregon Department of Forestry.

Umatilla County Ordinance No. 2006-07 (Amended 04-05-06) requires a Smoke Management Permit.

When can I burn?

A Smoke Management Permit holder is required to conduct open burning only on days designated as **Burn Days**. In addition, all Umatilla County residents are encouraged to do all burning only on designated **Burn Days**.

Smoke Management Permit Instructions.

Permit applications may be obtained at the County Planning Office, County Courthouse, 216 SE 4th St., Pendleton, OR 97801, or by calling 541-278-6252. The smoke management permit is good for the calendar year in which it is obtained.

A new permit must be obtained each year.

Return the completed permit form with the fee of \$50.00 to Umatilla County Planning Department, 216 SE 4th St., Pendleton, OR 97801. Checks should be made out to Umatilla County Planning.

Once a permit has been obtained call **278-6397** or **1-800-305-2876** on the day of the intended burn. If it is a **Burn Day** leave a recorded message with your name, permit number, location, type and size of the burn. **In addition, permit holders shall notify the appropriate Fire District.** A copy of the permit must be available at the site of the burn.

Designated Burn/No Burn Days

The designation of a **Burn** or **No Burn** day shall apply to all areas of the county.

The following days will automatically constitute **No Burn** days:

Air stagnation days. Days that are designated by the National Weather Service.

Fire Safety Days. Days on which the State Fire Marshall, his designated agent, or the Board of Commissioners has determined burning should be prohibited

based on general fire safety conditions.

Haze reduction days. The following days will be Haze Reduction Days:

♦**Pendleton Round-Up.** Open burning covered by this permit, is prohibited county wide from the Saturday preceding Round-Up through the Sunday following Round-Up.

♦**National Holidays.**

Memorial Day weekend (Saturday through Monday).

July 4th (Independence Day).

Labor Day weekend (Saturday through Monday).

♦**Other Festivals & Events.** For the events listed below, no open burning will be allowed within a radius of three miles of the event site, nor within 5 miles generally upwind of the site.

Umatilla County Fair & Farm City Pro Rodeo (Hermiston).

Fort Henrietta Day's Celebration (Echo).

Hermiston Days

OSU/USDA Experimental Station Research Field Day (Adams).

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation events (to be identified and applied for inclusion on a yearly basis).

Caledonian Games (Athena).

Muddy-Frogwater Festival (Milton-Freewater).

Walla Walla County Fair (Walla Walla)