



CROOKED RIVER RANCH FIRE & RESCUE

Crooked River Ranch Rural Fire Protection District Open Burning Regulations and Restrictions

1. **Authority.** Authority is granted to Crooked River Ranch Fire and Rescue by ORS 478.960 et seq, and ORS 478.990; Burning of certain materials permitted only with permission of the Fire Chief or their designee; damage or injury; burning schedules and restrictions; and penalties.
2. **Definitions.** (ORS 476.010 et seq. & ORS 477.001)
 - a. **Commercial Waste** means:
 - i. Any waste produced in any business involving the lease or sale, including wholesale and retail, of goods or services, including but not limited to housing.
 - ii. Any waste produced by a governmental, educational or charitable institution.
 - iii. Does not include any waste produced in a dwelling containing four or less living units.
 - b. **Campfire** means any open fire used for cooking, personal warmth, lighting, ceremonial or aesthetic purposes that is hand built and that is not associated with any debris disposal activities (includes use of fire pits, fire rings, burn barrels, and chimineas, subject to 3.h. and 3.q. below).
 - c. **Demolition Material** means any waste resulting from the complete or partial destruction of any man-made structure, such as a house, apartment, commercial building, or industrial building, or an outbuilding of any type.
 - d. **Domestic Waste** means any 'non-putrescible' waste, that is combustible materials such as paper, cardboard, yard clippings, wood or similar materials that are generated in a dwelling and on the real property upon which it is situated, where the property contains four or less dwelling units.
 - e. **Field Burning** means the burning of any grass field, grain field, pasture, rangeland or other field by open burning or by use of mobile equipment or flaming equipment on any land or vegetation.
 - f. **Industrial Waste** means any waste resulting from any process or activity of manufacturing or construction.
 - g. **Land Clearing Debris** means any waste generated by the removal of debris, logs, trees, brush or demolition material from any site in preparation for land improvement or construction projects.
 - h. **Open Burning** means any burning conducted in such a manner that combustion air is not effectively controlled and that combustion products are not vented through a stack or chimney, including but not limited to burning conducted in an open outdoor fire, common burn barrels and backyard incinerators.
3. **Burning Restrictions.** Within the Crooked River Ranch Fire and Rescue (CRRF&R) response area, no person shall kindle, build, attend, or maintain any open burning or campfire as defined herein:
 - a. When burning is closed
 - b. Without first having logged onto the CRRF&R "Before You Burn" system, read and indicated acceptance of these burn regulations, and then either the day of, or prior to the day of burning, registered their burn on the system. Anyone without access to a computer or smart phone must contact the Fire Station during normal business hours and have their burn registered on the system.

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- c. Without first having checked the CRRF&R "Before You Burn" system to determine that burning is permitted during the time and day in question.
 - d. When the Fire Chief, or designee has determined that it is unsafe to conduct open burning or campfires due to environmental conditions. This information will be available on the 'CRRF&R "Before You Burn" system.
 - e. Without first having cleared all flammable vegetation for a minimum of ten (10) feet from the site of the open burning or campfire.
 - f. Without having required tools (rake and/or shovel) at the burn site and sufficient water at the burn site to completely extinguish the fire.
 - g. Any open burning in a burn barrel, incinerator, or pile of debris within 25 feet of any structure.
 - h. Any open burning of a debris pile larger than 4 feet in diameter and/or more than 4 feet in height requires prior approval and issuance of a special permit from the Fire Chief or their designee. Intent to burn multiple piles of any size also requires prior approval and issuance of a special permit.
 - i. Any campfires larger than 3 feet in diameter or more than 2 feet in height at any time.
 - j. Any open burning in a burn barrel or incinerator without having a 5/8 inch or smaller screen mesh over the open end to prevent the escape of burning or glowing embers.
 - k. When campfires are not allowed as indicated per the "CRRF&R Before You Burn " system.
 - l. Failure to have at least one adult in attendance at the site of an open burn or campfire, at all times, until the open burn or campfire is completely extinguished.
 - m. Failure to extinguish any open burning or campfire when burning becomes closed as indicated on the CRRF&R "Before You Burn" system or as directed to do so by any fire or law enforcement official.
 - n. Failure to have registered your burn on the CRRF&R "Before You Burn" system. You must provide proof when requested by any fire or law enforcement official.
 - o. Fail to completely extinguish any open burning by sunset.
 - p. Burning material prohibited by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) including, but not limited to, garbage (including household garbage), plastic, asbestos, wire insulation, automobile parts, asphalt shingles, tarpaper, petroleum treated materials, painted or treated wood, rubber products (including tires), commercial waste, demolition waste, construction waste, animal remains, animal or vegetable matter from food preparation, or any material that emits dense smoke or noxious odors.
 - q. p. Burning of weeds and/or brush on the ground where it is growing, by means of a propane torch or other method if the area to be burned consists of a continuous area greater than 6' X 6', without prior approval and issuance of a special burn permit from the Fire Chief or their designee.
 - r. There are no restrictions on the use of propane or pellet fired barbeques, or on the use of propane fueled fire pits. However, someone should remain in attendance at all times.
4. **Administration:**
- a. The Fire Chief, or designee, is authorized to suspend or restrict the hours of open burning and campfires.
 - b. The Fire Chief, or designee, is authorized to suspend or permanently revoke the burning privileges of any person who, in his/her opinion is burning in violation of these regulations.
 - c. Anyone wishing to burn debris in a pile that is larger than 4 feet in diameter and/or 4 feet in height must obtain permission to do so by contacting the Fire Station. The Fire Chief, or designee, will then visit the site to determine if the burn will be conducted in a safe manner. Once approved, a special burn permit will be issued.

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- d. Anyone wishing to burn weeds and/or brush on the ground where it is growing, by means of a propane torch or other method if the area to be burned consists of a continuous area greater than 6'X6' must obtain permission to do so by contacting the Fire Station. The Fire Chief, or designee, will then visit the site to determine if the burn will be conducted in a safe manner. Once approved, a special burn permit will be issued.
- e. Because they have been known to start wildland fires, the use of binary exploding devices, such as "Tannerite", whether commercially purchased, or homemade, is strictly prohibited within the service area of Crooked River Ranch Fire and Rescue, whenever the "Fire Danger" is officially designated as being "Moderate", "High", or "Extreme".
- f. Nothing in these regulations relieves a person who starts a fire from responsibility for providing adequate protection to prevent injury or damage to the person or property of another. If such burning results in the escape of fire and injury or damage to the person or property of another, such escape and damage or injury constitutes prima facie evidence that the burning was not safe, and as a result, the person starting the fire may be fined, charged for the cost of extinguishing the fire, and be required to reimburse the harmed parties for the cost of damages to their property

It is so ordered this 24th day of September 2026 by:



Sean Hartley, Fire Chief
Crooked River Ranch Fire & Rescue