

## PROHIBITED MATERIALS

DEQ regulations prohibit open burning of the following materials at any time, anywhere in Oregon:

- Rubber products
- Plastic
- Wet Garbage
- Petroleum and petroleum treated products
- Industrial waste
- Tires
- Wire insulation
- Automotive parts
- Animal remains
- Wet yard debris
- **ANY** material which emits dense or toxic smoke or noxious odors



# BURN LINE: 541-966-0327

## SUMMARY OF OPEN BURNING REGULATIONS

- Burn season: October 1 through June 14, weather permitting
- Determine if it is a “**GREEN DAY**” before burning. Call **541-966-0327**
- To Burn safely:
  - Fire must be **CONSTANTLY** attended by a responsible person 16 years old or older
  - Have garden hose ready for immediate use
  - Burn in small piles.
  - Do not burn within 50’ of buildings, shrubs, dry grass/ weeds, etc. (Minimum 25’ when the pile size is 3’ or less in diameter and 2’ or less in height)
- Have fire **DEAD OUT** by dark.
- Respect other’s rights to clean air.
- Citations will be issued for violation of burning regulations.

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Prevent Fire Before  
They Start!

## OPEN BURNING

**REGULATIONS  
FOR SAFELY  
CONDUCTING  
OPEN BURNING  
IN THE CITY OF  
PENDLETON  
AND THE FIRE  
DISTRICTS  
PROTECTED BY  
THE  
PENDLETON  
FIRE  
DEPARTMENT**

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Fire Chief Jason Walker  
A/C -Fire Marshal Matthew Benedict

# OPEN BURING

“Open Burning” is any burning outdoors, including burn barrels, piles of yard debris, burning stumps, field burns, commercial construction, and demolition debris.

It is against the law to construct any open burning that:

- **Unreasonably interferes with enjoyment of life or property.**
- **Creates a public nuisance.**
- **Is a hazard to public safety.**

Seasonal open burning is allowed on “Green Days” during the period October 1 through June 14, weather permitting. Open burning, excluding burn barrels in the Fire District, is prohibited from June 15 through September 30.

## BURN PERMITS ARE NOT REQUIRED FOR DOMESTIC WASTE

### Permits

Burn Permits for domestic open burning are not required. However, Pendleton Fire and Ambulance Service and the rules and regulations in this brochure regulate all burning. This applies to the city of Pendleton, McKay Dam Fire District, Lower McKay Fire District, Riverside Fire District and the Rieth Water District.

**PERMITS ARE REQUIRED  
FOR COMMERCIAL,  
DEMOLITION, AND  
CONSTRUCTION WASTE**

### Burn/No-Burn Day

Before starting a fire, determine that open burning is allowed for the day. Burning status for the day is based upon the day’s weather forecast for smoke dispersal and the fire danger conditions. Burning status can be determined by calling the City of Pendleton’s Air Quality Forecast Line at **541-966-0327** after 8:30 AM. The forecast will determine if the day is a RED DAY, poor air circulation; YELLOW DAY, moderate air circulation; or a GREEN DAY, good air circulation. Burning is allowed only on **GREEN DAYS**. On **GREEN DAYS**, burning can begin no earlier than 8:30 AM and must be completely extinguished by dark. The Air Quality Forecast Line will provide the hours of authorized burning if different.

### Domestic Waste (backyard burning)

Domestic Waste includes yard debris such as grass clippings, leaves, branches, brush, small amount of unpainted or treated lumber, or other natural material actually generated around a dwelling of four or fewer family living units. Such waste materials actually generated around a dwelling of more than four family living units are classified as commercial wastes and requires a permit. Once domestic waste is removed from the property of origin it becomes commercial waste by DEQ definition and also requires a permit.

See “Prohibited Materials”

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## BURN BARRELS

**BURN BARRELS ARE  
PROHIBITED INSIDE THE  
PENDLETON CITY LIMMITS.**

Burn barrels may only be used within the Fire Districts served by Pendleton Fire and Ambulance Service, **AND** only on **GREEN DAYS**. Ord. 3766

## VACANT LOT BURNING

Open burning of vacant lots within the City limits or in the districts requires a demolition burn permit. A demolition burn permit must be obtained from Pendleton Fire and Ambulance **and** Oregon DEQ (541-278-4626) . Burning is only allowed on **GREEN DAYS**.

## COMMERCIAL, CONSTRUCTION, OR DEMOLITION WASTE

Commercial, construction, and demolition waste, not including any prohibited materials, may be burned with a permit from Pendleton Fire Department **and** Oregon DEQ (541-278-4626). The Pendleton Fire Marshal, prior to a permit being issued, must conduct an inspection of the proposed burn site.



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