

Fire Season Ends Effective October 29th, 2018 at 9:00am Fire Prevention Continues

After 151 days of being ramped up and ready to fight wildland fires, the 2018 fire season ends today, Monday, October 29, at 9:00 a.m. on lands protected by the Oregon Department of Forestry's Southwest Oregon District. Lands affected by this declaration include state, private, city and county forestlands in Jackson and Josephine counties.

The termination of fire season removes fire prevention regulations on equipment use and the use of fire for debris burning. This applies to the public and industrial operations on forestlands. However, many structural fire agencies require permits for debris burning; please check with your local fire department to obtain any necessary permits before burning.

This is a great reminder; while fire season is over, fire prevention must continue. Please be vigilant while burning debris making sure that a burn pile is never left unattended. Also, please use caution while using machinery that could produce a spark. Fall weather in Southern Oregon can vary greatly.

The following restrictions are still in effect throughout the City of Ashland:

- Outdoor Debris Burning is Prohibited
- Fireworks are prohibited at all times, throughout the year within the City of Ashland.
- Sky Lanterns are prohibited at all times, throughout the year within the City of Ashland.
- Campfires are allowed in designated campgrounds, and on private property with the landowner's permission.

Find the most current restrictions at www.ashland.or.us/fireseason or by contacting Ashland Fire & Rescue at 541-482-2770.

Ashland Fire & Rescue asks that all Ashland residents remember the Ready, Set, Go! evacuation levels. Be prepared for the possibility of evacuation at READY or Level 1. Be READY now by preparing an emergency and personal supplies kit, develop an evacuation plan, and become Firewise by removing combustible plants and debris around your home and from the roof. Find more information about Ready, Set, Go! at ashland.or.us/evacuation and sign up for emergency notifications at ashland.or.us/nixle.

Additional information can be obtained as follows:

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- **Check our website** www.ashland.or.us/fireseason
- **Ashland Firewise** – www.ashlandfirewise.org
- **Wildfire Hotline – 541-552-2490** –provides information on fires currently burning in Ashland and the surrounding area during summer.
- **Emergency Broadcast Radio – 1700 AM** – provides information on current emergencies affecting the citizens of Ashland. This low wattage broadcast can only be heard in Ashland.

Regional fire information can be found at the ODF website: www.swofire.com



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