

ASHLAND FIRE & RESCUE
OPEN BURNING PROGRAM REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES
Wildfire Fuels Reduction

1. The Ashland Municipal Code, Chapter 10.30, Sections .010 through .080, provide procedures and regulations under which open burning may be conducted. The pursuit of alternatives to open burning is strongly encouraged. Chipping, composting or transport of material to a transfer station or biomass utilization facility is encouraged. The following guidelines are provided to assist with the regulation of Open Burning in the City:
2. The open burning season within the City of Ashland is March 1st through the beginning of fire season (usually June), and two weeks after fire season ends in the fall. The issuance of burning permits may be suspended when atmospheric conditions, such as high winds, do not support safe burning practices.
3. All open burning will be conducted during daylight hours only during periods when the Jackson County Open Burning Advisory air quality index is 401 or above. For a recording of the ventilation index, call 776-7007. To obtain burn permit information, call the Fire Station during business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 482-2770. It is understood that due to the characteristics of the material being burned that glowing embers may continue throughout the night time hours. Permittee will be responsible to ensure that fires do not “creep.”
4. To open burn, a permit must be obtained from the fire department. Burn sites will be inspected by fire department personnel prior to the commencement of burning. Burn permits must be activated each day prior to conducting a burn by calling the fire department at 482-2770.
5. Adequate fire safety measures must be taken to insure that burning is performed safely:
 - A. All burning must be attended and supervised by an adult.
 - B. Piles should be constructed away from roots, stumps, and leave trees.
 - C. A non-combustible perimeter of 10' shall be maintained from the burning area when possible.
 - D. Pile size will be determined by location. Piles shall not exceed 4 feet in height or 5 feet in diameter. Additional material should be fed slowly to reduce smoke.
 - E. Drip torches may be used to fire piles. Plastic used to cover piles should be removed prior to ignition.
 - F. If water is accessible, it shall be on site for extinguishing piles and preventing fire spread.
 - G. Each person working the fires shall have at least one hand tool – shovel, rake, Macleod, Pulaski – to help with fire control.
 - H. Permittee is responsible for checking burned piles to ensure that the pile is completely extinguished.
6. The burning of any material which emits dense smoke or noxious odors, including but not limited to, petroleum products, rubber, plastic, styrofoam, household garbage, is prohibited. Burning in barrels is prohibited. Please be a good neighbor.
7. Acceptable materials for burning are restricted to native "woody debris" only. This means that no other materials will be allowed under the permit process, i.e., construction debris, etc.
8. All efforts shall be extended to insure materials are dry and readily ignitable to facilitate low smoke densities.
9. Permits will not be issued for piles which can reasonably be disposed of by another means. For example, one or two piles within 50 feet from a road could be carried to the road to be chipped or hauled away. Determination will need to be made on whether a wildfire hazard exists. For example, one pile in the middle of an empty lot 100 feet from structures or roads does not create a wildfire hazard.
10. Failure to abide by these open burning guidelines may result in permit revocation and may be considered an infraction punishable as prescribed in Section 1.08.020 of the Ashland Municipal Code.

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Noxious Weed Abatement - Blackberries

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2. All open burning will be conducted during daylight hours only during periods when the Jackson County Open Burning Advisory air quality index is 401 or above. For a recording of the ventilation index, call 776-7007. To obtain burn permit information, call the Fire Station during business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 482-2770. Fire shall be out and cold to the touch by dark.
3. To open burn, a permit must be obtained from the fire department. Burn sites will be inspected by fire department personnel prior to the commencement of burning. Burn permits must be activated each day prior to conducting a burn by calling the fire department at 482-2770.
4. Adequate fire safety measures must be taken to insure that burning is performed safely:
 - A. All burning must be attended and supervised by an adult.
 - B. Piles should be constructed away from roots, stumps, and leave trees.
 - C. A non-combustible perimeter of 10' shall be maintained from the burning area.
 - D. Pile size will be determined by location. Piles shall not exceed 4 feet in height or 5 feet in diameter. Additional material should be fed slowly to reduce smoke.
 - E. Drip torches may be used to fire piles. Plastic used to cover piles should be removed prior to ignition.
 - F. If water is accessible, it shall be on site for extinguishing piles and preventing fire spread.
 - G. Each person working the fire shall have at least one hand tool – shovel, rake, Macleod, Pulaski – to help with fire control.
 - H. Permittee is responsible for checking burned piles to ensure that the piles are completely extinguished.
5. The burning of any material which emits dense smoke or noxious odors, including but not limited to, petroleum products, rubber, plastic, styrofoam, household garbage, is prohibited. Burning in barrels is prohibited. Please be a good neighbor.
6. Acceptable materials for burning are restricted to **blackberries**. This means that no other materials will be allowed under the permit process, i.e., construction debris, yard trimmings, wood, etc.
7. All efforts shall be extended to insure materials are dry and readily ignitable to facilitate low smoke densities.
8. The pursuit of alternatives to open burning is strongly encouraged. Chipping, composting or transport of material to a transfer station or biomass utilization facility is encouraged.
9. Failure to abide by these open burning guidelines may result in permit revocation and may be considered an infraction punishable as prescribed in Section 1.08.020 of the Ashland Municipal Code.