

Fire Season Ends Effective November 6th, 2020 Fire Prevention Continues

After 190 days of being ramped up and ready to fight wildland fires, the 2020 fire season ends today, Friday, November 6th, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. on lands protected by the Oregon Department of Forestry's Southwest Oregon District and Ashland Fire & Rescue.

The termination of fire season removes fire prevention regulations on equipment use. This applies to the public and industrial operations on forestlands. There **will not be a fall open burn season** in the county Air Quality Management Area, which includes the City of Ashland, so we will not be issuing any burn permits until March 1.

While fire season is finally over, we strongly remind you that fire prevention must continue. Fall weather in Southern Oregon can vary greatly and there is still a lot of dry vegetation that can readily burn that may be near your home. Continue to remove dry vegetation build up around your home and accessory structures, including old branch piles and leftover unmanaged weeds, grasses and wildflowers from summer season that are dry and still standing and adjacent to walls and wood decks. Please use caution while using machinery that could produce a spark.

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 in an approved fire appliance (fire pan, chiminea, etc..)

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. Get 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 Nixle emergency notifications at ashland.or.us/nixle.

Additional information can be obtained as follows:

- **Fire season info:** www.ashland.or.us/fireseason
- **Fire Adapted Ashland:** www.fireadaptedashland.org
- **Controlled Burn Info:** www.ashlandwatershed.org
- **Wildfire Hotline: 541-552-2490** - Provides information on planned burns in and around Ashland outside of fire season.
- **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 and at www.fs.usda.gov/rogue-siskiyou.

