

News Release



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Fire Danger Increases to **Extreme** on August 2nd, Public Shutdown Begins

The Oregon Department of Forestry's Southwest Oregon District and City of Ashland will increase fire danger to Extreme (Red) on Tuesday August 2nd, at 12:01 a.m. ***In areas of dry vegetation***, all gas-powered machinery, mowing, and welding is banned **at all times** of the day unless under a permit.

Work in green, irrigated landscapes is allowed at any time. Please do not call to report normal yard maintenance in irrigated landscapes.

EXTREME Fire Danger Restrictions for City of Ashland

- Outdoor Debris Burning is Prohibited in Declared Fire Season
- [Outdoor Fire Pits and Appliances](#) are prohibited. Propane appliances and BBQs are allowed at private residences, but public areas may be closed by Ashland Parks and Recreation.
- Fireworks are prohibited throughout the year within the City of Ashland.
- Sky Lanterns are prohibited throughout the year within the City of Ashland.

EXTREME Fire Danger Restrictions for City of Ashland (in areas of dry vegetation only)

- Gas powered saws are banned at all times of the day in areas of dry vegetation.
- Equipment used for the cutting, grinding, or welding of metal is banned.
- The mowing of dry, cured grass with gas-powered equipment is banned. This regulation does not apply to farm equipment used for the culture and harvest of crops.
- The use of any other spark-emitting equipment using an internal combustion engine will not be allowed at any time in areas of dry vegetation.
- Smoking outdoors is allowed only in an enclosed vehicle, in a boat on the water, in irrigated landscapes, or on paved roads.
- Fire-fighting equipment is required to be carried in vehicles that travel off state highways, county roads or driveways. This equipment includes one shovel and a one-gallon container of water or a fire extinguisher (2.5 lb. or larger)
- Electric fence controllers must be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, be properly grounded, and tested regularly to ensure firesafe operation.

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What is NOT covered by these restrictions?

- Electric powered machinery such as weed whackers and electric saws
- Any work (gas powered machinery included) in a green and irrigated landscape is allowed at any time during fire season.

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

Here's what to do today to [get ready for wildfire](#):

- CLEAN all debris from your roof and gutter. If you can't do this safely, hire someone.
- RAKE away anything flammable including [all bark mulch](#) within 5 feet from your home, including fences, decks, and outbuildings.
- MAKE your address clearly visible to first responders.
- Remove flammable bushes and small trees [within 30 feet of your home](#) and outbuildings.

Are you ready to [evacuate your home](#) today? Ashland follows the state and national evacuation protocol called **READY, SET, GO!** (Level 1, 2, and 3)

- Create an [evacuation plan](#) for your household. Make a list of your priorities.
- Sign up for [Nixle emergency notifications](#) from the City of Ashland. This is how we'll notify you to be ready and when to evacuate. Notifications can arrive via text, phone, and email.
- Have an idea where you'd shelter overnight (friends who don't live in Ashland, hotel, or camping). Public shelters may be available depending on capacity.
- Have essential files easy to grab and copies saved elsewhere. Update insurance policies and catalog your belongings, which can be done via video and uploaded to cloud-based storage.

Additional information can be obtained as follows:

- **Ashland Emergency Alerts:** ashland.or.us/nixle
- **Fire Danger:** ashland.or.us/fireseason
- **Fire Adapted Ashland:** fireadaptedashland.org
- **Evacuation Info:** ashland.or.us/evacuate
- **Smoke and Health:** smokewiseashland.org

Regional fire information can be found at the ODF website: www.swofire.com and <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/>

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