

Multnomah County, State of Oregon, U.S.A.

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Wood Burning Restrictions

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Today's Burn Status

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Updates are posted by 11 a.m. each day. *Last update:* May 8, 07:26 a.m.

Please choose to [Skip the Fire and Love Your Lungs](#). We hope you will voluntarily skip any unnecessary fires. Smoke from fires can affect you and your neighbors in various ways. Smoke can make symptoms and recovery from COVID-19 more difficult. Help spread the word, [request a FREE lawn sign\(link is external\)](#).

Multnomah County has a Wood Burning Curtailment Ordinance

Burning wood is one of the biggest sources of [harmful air pollution](#) in Multnomah County. Multnomah County may issue wood burning restrictions on poor air quality days.

En Español: [Restricciones de Quema de Madera](#)

How the Wood Burning Ordinance Works

Homeowners, renters and businesses in Multnomah County cannot burn wood when the air quality is forecasted to be poor. On poor air quality days, people may not use:

- Wood/pellet stoves
- Fireplaces
- Outdoor fire pits
- Chimineas

There are exceptions for those who must use wood to heat their homes, those with limited income, and during emergencies such as a power outage. Households with an exception should [apply for an exemption](#) each year.

Wood smoke restrictions are common in other communities around Oregon. The restrictions are designed to protect public health and keep our region in compliance with national air quality standards.

If You Must Burn Wood

Check air quality conditions and burn advisory status every time before you burn. Red means “stop.” Yellow means “limit”.

If poor air quality is expected, Multnomah County will issue a burn restriction (red) day. Advisories and restrictions take effect by noon the same day. Watch for messages on this page, social media channels ([Twitter\(link is external\)](#), [Facebook\(link is external\)](#), [Nextdoor\(link is external\)](#)) and local news media.

[Sign up to receive burn restriction alerts via email»\(link is external\)](#) or Text START to (503) 994-2876 for text message alerts.

You Can Still Use Your Grill

The ordinance does not apply to cooking food. Charcoal grills, smokers or wood fired ovens are ok.

Wood Smoke Complaints

Call [503-988-0035](tel:503-988-0035) or fill out an [online complaint](#) to report a violation on a wood-burning restriction (red) day. We will work to respond within 1-2 business days.

Burning Yard Debris and Warm Weather Fires

Backyard burning is NEVER permitted inside the [Burn Ban Boundary\(link is external\)](#). The Burn Ban Boundary includes parts of Multnomah, Clackamas, and Washington County. The [Department of Environmental Quality \(DEQ\)\(link is external\)](#) regulates outdoor/open burning (see [DEQ's definitions\(link is external\)](#) of burning). For the areas outside of the burn boundary, cities and local fire districts have their own restrictions on open burning.

Information on outdoor burn status outside of the burn ban area in Multnomah County:

- 503-618-3083 for [Gresham\(link is external\)](#), Troutdale, [Wood Village\(link is external\)](#), Fairview, Fire District 10
- 503-695-2225 for [Corbett\(link is external\)](#) Fire District 14
- 503-621-1242 for [Sauvie Island\(link is external\)](#) District 30
- General Information for [Portland Fire and Rescue\(link is external\)](#), 503-823-3710

You can check current air quality in your area at DEQ's [air quality map\(link is external\)](#) or download OregonAir app on your phone. You should also check with your local fire departments for fire bans during dry/windy weather.

More Information on the Wood Smoke Ordinance

[Multnomah County Wood Smoke Ordinance](#) (92.26 KB)

[2022 Wood Smoke Ordinance Amendments](#) (206.88 KB)

[Wood Smoke Season Review 2018-2019](#) (1.5 MB)

[Wood Smoke Season Report 2019-2020](#) (2.42 MB)

[Wood Smoke Season Report 2020-2021](#) (427.46 KB)

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