



LAFAYETTE FIRE DEPARTMENT BURNING GUIDELINES

Burn Number: 503-472-3344

Below you will find the burning guidelines for those residing within the Lafayette Fire District. These guidelines have been carefully tailored to incorporate the [Department of Environmental Quality \(DEQ\)](#).

Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the local fire department.

To get started, it's important to understand the relationship between the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the local fire department.

The DEQ provides the local fire departments with *general, minimum* burning standards which apply to all areas within the state. Each department is responsible for tailoring these guidelines to fit their own local fire safety concerns. The local fire department

may be more stringent than what the DEQ advises because of local fire safety concerns, but will not be less stringent. In other words, Lafayette Fire Department can not allow burning on a day when the DEQ specifically advises against it, but we may prohibit burning on approved DEQ burn days when specific local fire safety concerns come into play.

For this reason, it is always necessary to call your local fire department burn number to determine if it is acceptable to burn in your area, not the DEQ.

Burn Number

The McMinnville Fire Department has installed a special burn number for our convenience. This number should be called after 8:30 a.m. to receive the most accurate and up-to-date burn information. You should use this number to find out if burning is allowed in Lafayette...**DO NOT CALL DEQ.** The burn number is 503-472-3344.

Commercial Burning

Any burning connected with a commercial project, i.e. clearing for a home, (including private), a commercial building, a parking lot, a playground, etc. Although the material may be just trees and brush, if it is at a commercial site, it is considered a commercial burn. *There is no commercial burning allowed in the Lafayette Fire District.*

Backyard Burning

The burning of yard debris, trimmings and clippings, at a private home.

Agricultural Burning

There is no agricultural burning in Lafayette.

What is acceptable to burn?

Yard debris, trimmings, and clippings only. The days of burning household trash, tires, plastic, petroleum products, asphalt, industrial waste or anything that creates dense smoke or noxious odors are over and gone. Pollution from the burning of these products poses too great of a threat to public health and environment. The negative effects greatly outweigh the short-term benefits.

When can you burn?

Backyard burning can be done only on approved burn days, between the dates of March 1 – June 15 and October 1 – December 15. Remember, it is always necessary to call the burn number (503-472-3344) to make sure burning is approved for the day in question. Just because the day may fall between the dates listed above, your local fire department or the DEQ may have prohibited burning for some other reason. The fire department recommends that if you are planning to burn, do not wait until the last few days of the burn season. The fire department can not extend burn dates due to poor weather conditions.

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