

Open Burning Regulations for Central and Eastern Oregon



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Industrial open burn regulations

State of Oregon regulations prohibit industrial open burning. This includes the open burning of all materials which accumulate at manufacturing and industrial facilities and includes paper, pallets, woodwaste and other manufacturing by-products. For exceptions see Open burn letter permits

Construction, demolition and land clearing debris open burn regulations

Regulations also prohibit the open burning of commercial, construction and demolition debris and debris from land clearing or improvements within three miles of cities with populations of 4,000 or more. These cities are known as open burn control areas. For exceptions see Open burn letter permits

Open burn control area regulations do not apply to the open burning of agricultural waste.



Construction, commercial, demolition and land clearing debris open burning is usually prohibited within three miles of cities with populations of 4,000 or more.

Open burn letter permits

Under rare circumstances DEQ may issue an open burn letter permit to authorize the open burning of industrial debris or commercial, construction, demolition, or land clearing debris in open burn control areas. Applicants must show there are no other methods of disposal available. Open burn letter permits are only issued for one-time occurrences.

Contact local fire or health offices

Local fire departments and/or Environmental Health programs should be notified prior to open burn letter permit applications being made to DEQ.

Open burn letter permit applications

To apply for an open burn letter permit, please submit the following information to the most conveniently located DEQ office.

1. The quantity and type of material proposed to be burned.
2. A listing of all alternative disposal methods and their associated costs.
3. The expected amount of time required to complete the burning.
4. The methods proposed to insure complete and efficient combustion.
5. The location of the proposed burning site.
6. A diagram showing the proposed burning site and the distances to nearby structures and facilities.
7. The expected frequency of needing to dispose of similar materials by burning in the future.
8. Any other information which the applicant considers relevant.

DEQ may deny an application for an open burn letter permit or place conditions on the burning for any of the reasons included in Oregon Administrative Rules 340-264-0078 and 340-264-0180.

Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs)

[OARs 340-264-0078 and 340-264-0180](#) provide guidance on regulations pertaining to the open burning of industrial, commercial, construction, demolition and land clearing debris. Complete rules can be viewed by accessing DEQ's website: <http://www.oregon.gov/DEQ/AQ/>

For more information on open burning regulations

For more information on open burning regulations in Central and Eastern Oregon, contact Larry Calkins, Eastern Region Air Quality program, at 541-567-8297 Ext. 25.

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