



Salem Fire Department Open Burning Permit



In accordance with Salem Revised Code Chapter 58 the open burning described on this form is permitted subject to conditions and restrictions described on this permit and that may be imposed following issuance.

The permit holder is responsible for all open burning activity associated with this permit. The permit holder must call the Salem area open burning information number, 503-588-6420, each day to determine if open burning is permitted, during what hours of the day open burning is permitted, and/or if any special conditions or restrictions are in place.

The permit holder agrees to conduct open burning in accordance with all conditions and safe practices described on this permit and accompanying open burning regulations. The permit holder further understands that he/she can be held responsible for damage to adjacent property and fire suppression costs if open burning escapes the permit holder's control.

Open Burning Location _____

Permit Holder _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Open Burning Classification

- Ceremonial - Fires for religious, cultural, or special events.
- Agricultural - Burning of natural vegetative material for commercial agricultural operations only.
- Other _____

Conditions and Restrictions

- The open burning must be constantly attended by at least ___ responsible adult.
- A supply of water must be provided sufficient to control any escaped fire.
Special water supply conditions: _____
- The permit holder must call the Salem area open burning information number each day prior to conducting open burning (503-588-6420).
- Open burning shall be conducted only during permitted hours. Fires must be extinguished during non-burning hours.
Ceremonial fire permitted hours _____
- Open burning that produces offensive smoke and odor on adjacent properties must be extinguished.
- Open burning shall not be conducted within _____ feet of structures, fences, or other valuable property.
- Grass and other vegetation must be cleared from around burning material to a distance of 10'.
- Other conditions _____

I have read, understand, and will comply with all conditions and restrictions pertinent to the open burning authorized by this permit. This permit is valid until _____

Permit Holder _____ Date _____

Issued by _____ Date _____



City of Salem Open Burning Regulations

Within the City of Salem:

No open burning is permitted within the Salem city limits at any time except:

- **Recreational fires** – Small (maximum 3' diameter by 2' in height) fires for entertainment purposes only. Clean-burning wood products only. No burning of yard debris is permitted.
- **Ceremonial fires** – Small fires for religious, cultural, or special events. **A written permit issued by the Salem Fire Department is required.**
- **Agricultural burning** – Burning of natural vegetative material for commercial agricultural operations only. **A written permit issued by the Salem Fire Department is required.**

Within the Salem Suburban Rural Fire Protection District:

- **Residential backyard burning** of yard debris is permitted between March 1st and June 15th, and again between October 1st and December 15th.
- **Agricultural burning** (for commercial agricultural operations only) is allowed. No written permit is needed.
- **Recreational and ceremonial fires** are permitted anytime. No written permit is needed. Clean-burning wood products only. No burning of yard debris is permitted.

Safety Regulations for All Types of Open Burning

- The fire must be constantly attended by a responsible person until it is extinguished.
- A water supply (hose or bucket of water), shovel, rake and/or fire extinguisher must be readily available.
- No burning is allowed within 15 feet of any building, combustible deck, fence, or other structure.
- Any burning located between 15 and 25 feet to any building, combustible deck, etc. must be in an *approved burn receptacle* and limited to not larger than 3' by 2' in size.
- Any burning located between 26 and 50 feet to any building, combustible deck, etc. must be limited to not larger than 4' by 3' in size.
- Backyard/open burning (not allowed inside the City of Salem) is limited to materials from trees, shrubs, or plants that grow in a landscaped yard (grass clippings, tree leaves/needles, small branches, shrub clippings).
- Call the **Burning Information Number 503-588-6420** each day to verify if open burning is authorized. Open burning may not be allowed based on atmospheric conditions or fire safety considerations.

Burning Violations

If a violation of open burning rules occurs, the Salem Fire Department is authorized to order the fire extinguished or to extinguish the fire itself.

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