



Outdoor Burning FAQs

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1. **Can I burn yard debris within the city limits of Redmond?** No, yard debris may not be burned within the city limits.
2. **Why can't I burn within the city limits of Redmond?** As the city of Redmond continues to grow in size, more homes are being built very close to one another. This increased density means homes are closer together and any debris burning creates nuisance smoke and the potential for fire to quickly spread to nearby homes. Debris burning within the city also creates more call volume for the Fire Department. Many times, these calls come in as a structure fire, causing multiple units to respond. This takes resources away from more serious calls.
3. **Do I need a burn permit to use my burn barrel outside city limits?** No, a permit is not required but please call the burn line at 541-504-5035 to see if it is a burn day.
4. **Why do I have to use an app? Are you tracking me?** Redmond Fire & Rescue is using the Burn Permit App for a variety of reasons. 1) To help reduce the number of false calls due to open burning, 2) If the weather changes rapidly we can send out an alert to everyone burning that day to extinguish their fires. We will not be tracking anyone with the app.
5. **Can I still have a recreational fire in my backyard in the city limits?** Yes, recreational fires at a single-family residence are still allowed all year long. Please follow manufacturers recommendations for use and distances from combustibles.
6. **Can I still burn if I live outside the city limits of Redmond?** Yes, burning is still allowed outside of the city limits with a permit. Permits can be obtained via the Burn Permit App or via our website.
7. **How can I still obtain a permit if I do not have email or a smartphone?** You can call 541-504-5010 or 541-504-5016 to obtain a permit. If you know you will be burning over the weekend, please call no later than 4pm on Friday to obtain your permit.
8. **Can I get a permit the same day I want to burn?** Yes, so long as burning is allowed. If you use the app, you can get your permit the same day.
9. **Do I need to have a permit for every day I want to burn?** Yes, a permit is required. The easiest way to obtain a permit is through the Burn Permit App.
10. **What are the alternatives to burning?** [FireFree yard debris disposal events](#) are a great way to dispose of any yard debris. You can also try contacting certain local non-profit groups that might be able to assist you with removing the yard debris. Another alternative to burning might be composting the yard debris.

11. **Do I need a burn permit to have a bonfire?** Yes, bonfires, ceremonial fires and special types of fires all require a permit. You can call 541-504-5010 to obtain a permit, a minimum of two weeks' notice must be provided.
12. **Can I have a debris pile larger than 6ft in height?** Please call 541-504-5010 or 541-504-5016 to discuss further. A site visit may be required.
13. **Who do I call if my neighbor is burning garbage?** Please call the non-emergency number at 541-693-6911 to report any illegal burning.