



NEWS RELEASE

Date: July 2, 2009
Release: Immediately
Contact: Karen Eubanks, Public Information Officer, 503-441-9324 (pager)

(Fire District Bans Outdoor Burning)

On Wednesday, July 1st, the Washington County Fire Defense Board enacted a Burn Ban for Washington County. Effective today, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVF&R) has instituted a Burn Ban for its entire service area including all nine cities and unincorporated areas within Washington, Clackamas, and Multnomah County.

The Burn Ban includes the following situations:

1. Backyard burning
2. Agricultural burning
3. Land clearing or slash burning (not associated with Oregon Department of Forestry jurisdiction)

The Burn Ban does not include the following situations:

1. Recreational burning (e.g., cooking fires, backyard pits.) Individuals intending to burn in this manner should use extreme caution.
2. Ceremonial fires or small fires used for religious or ceremonial purposes may be approved. This type of fire requires a permit issued by Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue.

Individuals found to be in violation of these requirements during the burn ban may be issued a citation and/or found liable for any property loss and suppression costs resulting from a burning incident. Additionally, TVF&R urges residents to use extreme caution when using their legal fireworks and other fire materials this weekend due to warm temperatures and dry vegetative conditions.

For more information, visit www.tvfr.com.

###