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Burn Ban lifted in Washington County

The Washington County Fire Defense Board has lifted its Burn Ban for Washington County effective September 22nd at 1:00 am. The ban applied to all Washington County Fire Agencies including the entire Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVF&R) service area which includes all nine cities and unincorporated areas within Washington, Clackamas, and Multnomah County.

The Burn Ban included the following situations:

- Backyard burning
- Agricultural burning
- Land clearing or slash burning (not associated with Oregon Department of Forestry jurisdiction)

"Although this signals the end of this year's burn ban, please continue to use extra caution when engaging in any backyard burn," says TVF&R Deputy Fire Chief Dustin Morrow, who also serves as Chief of the Washington County Fire Defense Board, "a few dry days in the fall can lead to high fire danger."

Begun in the early 1990s with the cooperation of rural fire departments, the annual backyard burning prohibition has helped reduce the risk of such fires escaping control and expanding into dangerous and costly wildfires.

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