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Burn Ban Goes into Effect

The Washington County Fire Defense Board, in cooperation with the Oregon Department of Forestry, has enacted a burn ban within Washington County, effective Saturday, August 20, 2011.

Following that decision, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue will also ban all outdoor open burning within its jurisdiction, including areas served in Multnomah and Clackamas County, effective 1:00 a.m., Saturday, August 20, 2011.

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 (i.e., cooking fires, backyard pits). Individuals intending to burn in this manner should use caution and common sense.
2. Ceremonial type fires with a permit issued by Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue.

Individuals found to be in violation of these requirements during the burn ban, may be held liable for the cost of extinguishment and for any property damage resulting from an illegal fire. The burn ban will remain in effect until cooler temperatures minimize the fire danger.