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Burn Ban in Effect

Due to extreme fire conditions, the Washington County Fire Defense Board has implemented a burn ban. The burn ban will remain in effect until cooler temperatures minimize the fire danger.

Following that decision, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue has also banned outdoor open burning within its jurisdiction, including areas served in Multnomah and Clackamas 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)

Recreational burning (i.e., cooking fires or backyard pits) or ceremonial fires (with a permit) are still allowed, however Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue encourages individuals to not have any open fires. In these extreme fire conditions, one spark can cause a catastrophic wildfire.

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.