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## **Multnomah County Fire Departments/Districts issue summer burn ban**

MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OR – Multnomah Fire Defense Board Chief Scott Lewis has issued an outdoor burn ban effective Friday, July 13, 2018, in all areas of Multnomah County.

The burn ban has been issued due to forecasted high temperatures, limited rainfall and ongoing dry conditions.

The burn ban includes recreational campfires, fire pits, yard debris, agricultural burning and permits issued for open burning until further notice. Check with your local Fire Department/District for more information. For updated information please call the burning information line at:  
--503-618-3083 for Gresham, Troutdale, Wood Village, Fairview, Fire District 10  
--503-695-2225 for Corbett Fire District 14  
--503-621-1242 for Sauvie Island District 30  
--503-823-3700 for Portland Fire & Rescue general information

Outdoor barbecuing is still allowed; however, citizens should exercise extreme caution. When using charcoal briquettes please properly dispose of ashes in a covered metal container away from combustibles, and keep the ashes wet for a few days before properly disposing of them. Maintain at least ten feet between outdoor cooking and anything combustible such as siding, fences, shrubbery, etc.

Smokers are reminded to ensure their cigarettes are truly out and placed in proper receptacles.

Those living in rural areas are asked to maintain their defensible space by monitoring growth surrounding homes and structures, and to maintain adequate access for firefighting equipment.

For additional information, contact Gresham Fire and Emergency Services, 503-618-2355 or your local fire department.