



**COLUMBIA RIVER FIRE & RESCUE**  
**BURN PERMIT**  
BURN DAY INFORMATION LINE (503) 397-4800

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

- Residential – Open or Barrel Burning
- Hazard Abatement (Chief Officer Only)      Dates \_\_\_\_\_
- Agricultural Burn (Chief Officer Only)      Dates \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_      Dates \_\_\_\_\_

The permittee must follow all of the Fire District burning rules and provide the following precautions:

- 1) You must have a garden hose or shovel and a 5-gallon bucket of water at all times. The fire must NOT be left unattended at any time.
- 2) The ground must be cleared not less than 10 feet around burn area. Separation of at least 15 feet between barrels and structures, or 50 feet between burn piles and structures is required.
- 3) Burning will be confined to daylight hours on days when open burning is permitted.
- 4) This permit does not relieve permittee from responsibility for fire damage as a result of fire escaping.
- 5) Burning the following materials are prohibited: House hold garbage, plastics, auto bodies, asphalt, waste, petroleum products, rubber products, animal remains and animal or vegetable waste resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking, or service of food.

This permit, with its terms and conditions and in accordance with ORS 476.380/478.960, is effective from:

Date Issued \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Issued By CRFR Website

**Open Burning Permit Regulations**

- A. Please follow these directions very carefully. An adopted policy of the District Board of Directors allows Columbia River Fire & Rescue to bill for illegal fires. A minimum response charge starts at \$250.00. Municipal fines apply within the cities of St Helens and Columbia City.
- B. Burning permits shall be required for all open burning in the Columbia River Fire & Rescue service area, as required by ORS 478.996(7) and OAR 340-23 with the exception of small recreational fires. It is the policy of the Fire District to issue permits valid for a period of one (1) year from the date of issue. Special Permits for land clearing (3 miles beyond the city limits of St Helens) and agricultural field burning shall be for a period of three (3) days from the date of issue. Hazard abatement permits shall be valid for the assigned days of the burn.
- C. Property owners and operators who are conducting illegal burning may be cited and fined for such action (ORS 478.960), Oregon Fire Code, and applicable city ordinance. Costs for fire suppression may also be charged (ORS 478.965.)
- D. Open burning in violation of any rule of the Fire District shall be promptly extinguished by the person in attendance or person responsible when notified to extinguish the fire by either the Fire District or other official.
- E. Burning permits may be revoked for violation of the burning regulations.
- F. Open burning authorized by these rules does not exempt or excuse any person from liability or consequences, damages or injuries resulting from burning, nor does it exempt any person from complying with applicable laws, ordinances, or regulations of other governmental agencies having jurisdiction.
- G. Burning permits will not be issued to businesses, churches, industries, institutions, building contractors or multi-dwelling sites.
- H. **Residential burn piles may be no larger than 4ft x 4ft x 8ft**

**This permit must be retained and kept available for inspection.**

**Questions may be directed to (503) 397-2990**