

## Outdoor Burning in Bend City Limits Closes Wed., Nov. 22

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For those of you with piles of leaves or yard debris left to burn, you have until dark on Wednesday, November 22, when burning within the city limits of Bend will officially close.

Gary Marshall, City of Bend Fire Marshal said outdoor debris burning restrictions were allowed 20 days in November to accommodate the burning of small piles of yard debris by Bend residents. Due to hazardous weather conditions, debris burning was earlier cancelled for a two day period. Restrictions will be lifted for a 20-day period in April 2007, Marshall added.

Outdoor burning will continue to be open outside Bend city limits, within the Deschutes County Fire District #2 boundaries. Residents of the Fire District are reminded that burning regulations are available at all fire stations. Burning regulations outline fire safety measures and shall be present at the burning location. Once all preventative measures have been taken to prevent the fire from escaping, the resident must call the Outdoor Burning Information Line at 322-6335 to confirm that burning is allowed for the day. When possible, Marshall encourages all residents to recycle their yard debris as an alternative to burning.

Central Oregon residents are minded that regulations may vary between governmental jurisdictions within the tri-county area, and are advised to contact your local fire agency for specific requirements and closures.