

## Outdoor burning begins in Bend Sunday

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Outdoor debris burning within the City of Bend will open Sunday morning, April 1st. Gary Marshall, City of Bend fire marshal said that regulations will allow outdoor burning of approved debris for 20 days within the month of April if weather conditions are favorable, as determined by the fire department and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. Bend Fire and Rescue recommends that residents participate in the FireFree program beginning April 21st as an alternative to burning their debris. Marshall also noted that in the last two weeks many debris burning operations within the area have escaped due to dry conditions, therefore citizens should make an extra effort to contain their debris fire and follow the requirements within the outdoor burning safety regulations which are available at all Bend fire stations. Once preventative measures have been taken to prevent the fire from escaping, call the Outdoor Burning Information Line at 322-6335 to confirm that burning is allowed. Please remember that debris burning is required to be supervised and extinguished by dark. Noncompliance of fire protection regulations may result in a citation with a fine up to \$500.00 and responsible for fire suppression cost. As a reminder to all Central Oregon residents, Marshall advises that regulations may vary between governmental jurisdictions within the central Oregon area. Please contact your local fire agency for specific requirements and closures.

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