

Columbia County Fire Defense Board

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PRESS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Northwest Weather Service has issued a Red Flag warning that goes into effect midnight Thursday, September 8, 2022 and ends Saturday, September 10, 2022 at 11pm. This is due to high temperatures, windy conditions and low humidity.



With the anticipated red flag warning, the fire districts of Columbia County including Columbia River Fire & Rescue, Clatskanie Fire District, Mist-Birkenfeld Fire District, Oregon Department of Forestry, Scappoose Fire District and Vernonia Fire District are **CLOSING ALL BURNING**, including County Parks, effective immediately for the safety of our communities.

What does this mean? **ALL open burning is prohibited, including recreational campfires, portable propane/patio fireplaces, and charcoal BBQ's.** Reminder: carelessness is the biggest cause of wildfires, so it is everyone's responsibility to practice fire safety.

Escaped fires of any kind resulting in property damage or requiring suppression efforts from a fire agency, may result in fines and individual financial responsibility for damages caused.

We encourage all citizens to register for the Columbia Alert Network "CAN" notification system. This will send any priority messaging affecting our community directly to your cell phone or landline. Link: <https://www.columbia911.com/general/page/columbia-alert-network-can>

For additional information regarding 2022 fire season please visit:
<https://www.oregon.gov/ODF/Fire/Pages/Restrictions.aspx>

ODF Fire Restriction page: (click on Columbia County when the map loads)
<https://gisapps.odf.oregon.gov/firerestrictions/pfr.html>