

Columbia County Fire Defense Board

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PRESS RELEASE

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The county wide burn ban has now been lifted. 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 have re-opened recreational burning now that we are no longer in a red flag warning.

All open burning is still prohibited until further notice, however recreational campfires, portable propane/patio fireplaces, and charcoal BBQ's are now acceptable. 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 continue to 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>