

The Dalles Area Burn Advisories

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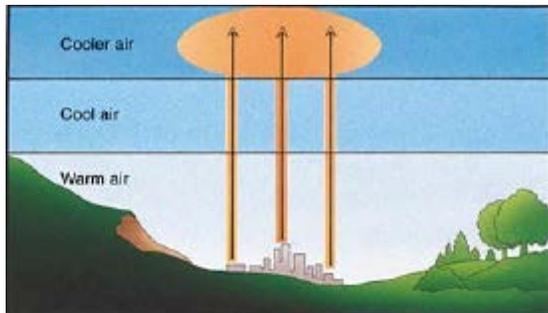
Burn advisories are provided daily during the Open Burn seasons: **Spring: April 1st - May 14th** and **Fall: Oct. 16th - Dec. 1st.**

Please check [The Dalles Chronicle website](#) or newspaper (2nd page weather section) or listen to your local radio weather report to find out what advisory has been provided for that day. The advisory level is color coded:

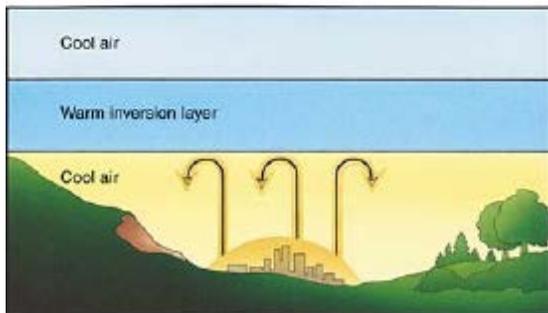
Green = Good airflow, OK for everyone to burn.

Yellow = Moderate air flow, burn only in certified woodstoves & recommend you not open burn.

Red = Poor air flow, recommend you not do any indoor or open burning.



Normal pattern



Thermal inversion

Air inversions cause smoke to become trapped over The Dalles and surrounding areas, leading to high pollution levels.

Burn Complaints

City of The Dalles – Code Enforcement Office

(541) 296-5481 ext. 1153

nlesich@ci.the-dalles.or.us

Mid-Columbia Fire & Rescue

(541) 296-9445

dhammel@mcfr.org

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

1-888-997-7888 or

www.oregon.gov/DEQ

click on “make an environmental complaint”

Additional Resources

North Central Public Health Department

(541) 506-2600 (The Dalles)

www.wshd.org

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

1-866-863-6668 or

www.oregon.gov/DEQ

Habitat ReStore – The Dalles

(Donate usable building materials)

1001 W. 6th St., Open Tues-Sat 10am-5pm

(541) 296-4486

www.facebook.com/TheDallesHFHReStore

A & P Recycling

(Drop off source-separated recyclables)

280 Webber Street, The Dalles. Open Mon-Fri

10am-6pm, closed Sunday and holidays.

Tri-County Hazardous Waste & Recycling Program

(Household hazardous waste collection, once a quarter – no charge)

(541) 506-2636 (The Dalles)

www.tricountyrecycle.com

The Dalles Disposal (Transfer Station for Yard Debris)

1317 W. 1 St., The Dalles

Open Mon-Sat 9am-5pm. (541) 298-5149

You can take your yard debris to the Transfer Station for a fee Mon. – Sat., 9am to 5pm. During the months of April and November, the Transfer Station offers free drop-off of yard debris, except on Saturdays.

The Dalles Outdoor Burning Guide

HOW YOU CAN PROTECT YOUR HEALTH & AIR QUALITY



Burn smart: Protect your health & air quality



Burning debris is one of the leading sources of air pollution and haze.

“Backyard” burning can release toxic air pollutants associated with cancer and birth defects.

Air Quality in The Dalles

Air pollution damages our health, our environment, and contributes to poor visibility in the Columbia Gorge. One source of air pollution is smoke from burn piles and barrels (“backyard” burning). This smoke can have serious effects on the health of nearby neighbors, including sensitive individuals like children, the elderly, and those with breathing issues. In addition, this smoke can travel long distances, contributing to haze in the Gorge.

This Smoke Affects Your Health

In addition to harmful substances called toxins, smoke from outdoor burning contains tiny particles that are so small the body’s natural defenses can’t prevent them from lodging deep in our lungs. These tiny particles not only can damage and change the structure of lung tissue but can also carry toxins directly into our bloodstream. Breathing this smoke can lead to serious respiratory problems, asthma attacks, heart problems, and even premature death.

Fine Particle
●
2.5 microns



*How tiny is a “fine particulate?”
Particles produced by burning debris can easily penetrate lung tissue and enter the bloodstream.*

Outdoor burning

Examples of outdoor or “open” burning include: using a burn barrel (now banned in the City Limits of The Dalles); burning piles of yard debris; burning stumps to clear land; and, burning construction or demolition debris. During an open burn pollutants are released into the air close to ground level where they are easily inhaled.

Get a Permit and Know the Rules

Please remember, for the City of The Dalles, the Open Burn Seasons are: **Spring: April 1st – May 14th**

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And, for residential open burning, a \$5.00 permit is required from Mid-Columbia Fire & Rescue (MCFR). MCFR is located at 1400 W. Eighth Street in The Dalles, (541) 296-9445, www.mcfr.org. In some cases, MCFR may visit your site to ensure that all permit requirements are being met.

Prior to conducting your open burning, check [The Dalles Chronicle](#) to find out if it is a recommended day to burn. If it is, then follow the instructions on your permit to make sure your open burning is done safely and efficiently.

What NOT to Burn: Prohibited Materials!

Burning the following materials is illegal at anytime, anywhere in Oregon:

- Rubber products
- Tires
- Plastic
- Asbestos
- Wet garbage & food waste
- Waste oil & petroleum treated or related materials
- Asphalt or industrial waste
- Automobile parts (including frames)
- Dead animals
- Any material creating dense smoke/noxious odors

“No-Burn” Solutions for Yard and Household Waste:

- Compost yard debris & kitchen scraps. Backyard compost bins and an instruction booklet are available for just \$50 from The Dalles Disposal Transfer Station, 1317 W. 1st Street, The Dalles. Open Mon-Sat 9am-5pm. Phone (541) 298-5149.

- In The Dalles, subscribe to curbside yard debris collection service through The Dalles Disposal.

- Take your yard debris to The Dalles Disposal. No charge ONLY in April and November, except no drop-off on Saturday.

- Drop off reusable lumber and other building supplies at the Habitat ReStore, 1001 W. 6th St. in The Dalles. Open Tues-Sat 10am-5pm. Phone (541) 296-4486.

- Take hazardous household materials (such as paints, solvents, car fluids and garden chemicals) to a free collection event. For a schedule, call 541-506-2636 or visit the **Tri-County Hazardous Waste & Recycling Program** website at www.tricountyrecycle.com/managing-my-materials/hazardous-waste



Composting, mulching and “grassecycling” are excellent “no-burn” solutions for dealing with yard debris.