

2010 Burn Rules for West County Grass Seed Growers

A Summary of Umatilla County Code of Ordinance Chapter 95

Smoke Management Permit

A new Smoke Management Permit must be obtained each year for a \$50.00 fee from the Umatilla County Planning Department, 216 SE 4th Street, Pendleton, OR 97801. For questions call 541-278-6252 or visit the website www.umatillacounty.net/planning.

When Can I Burn?

Call 541-278-6397 or 1-800-305-2876 to find out if the County has determined the day to be a “Burn Day.”

Designated No Burn Days

(Ord. 95.04)

The following are reasons to designate a “No Burn” day:

1. Air Stagnation Day designated by the National Weather Service.
2. State Fire Marshall prohibits open burning based on fire safety
3. “No Burn” events:
 - Pendleton Round-Up.
 - National Holidays
 - Memorial Day weekend
 - Labor Day weekend
 - Fourth of July

4. “No Burn” within 5 miles of:
 - Umatilla County Fair & Farm City Pro Rodeo (Hermiston)
 - Fort Henrietta Day’s Celebration (Echo)
 - Hermiston Days
 - OSU/USDA Experimental Station field days

Burn Limits and Timing

(Ord. 95.22)

“Burn Day” with no County restrictions (initiated between 8 am until 2 pm only)
Full straw load – 250 acres
Reduced straw load – 500 acres

County has declared no burning due to fire hazard (initiated between 8 am to 2 pm only) preferably prior to noon
Full straw load – 125 acres
Reduced straw load – 250 acres

County has declared a no burn day due to degraded air quality
Full straw load – 0 acres; **NO Burning Allowed**
Reduced straw load – 0 acres; **NO Burning Allowed**

Notice Prior to Burning

(Ord. 95.07)

Prior to igniting an open burn, Permit Holders shall notify Umatilla County of the Open Burning and also provide any other information requested by the County. In addition, Permit Holders will need to notify the appropriate fire protection agencies (such as a Fire District, County Dispatch, Tribal Fire Department, U.S. Forest Service, Oregon Department of Forestry, or other state or federal agencies) of the intent to burn.

Obtain a complete copy of Umatilla County Smoke Management Chapter 95 by visiting:
<http://www.co.umatilla.or.us/code-ordinances.htm>