

Hot Weather Temps Increase Clatsop County Fire Danger to High

News Release Date
08-03-2023



Beginning 1 a.m. Friday, August 4, the Oregon Department of Forestry will increase Clatsop County's fire danger level to High (yellow) due to warmer weather temperatures. Open debris burn has been prohibited since fire season began June 14.

"We want to make sure people know that our forests and communities are at high risk for wildfires so we will be sending out a ClatsopAlerts! notification later today," said Clatsop County Emergency Management Director Justin Gibbs. Visit [ClatsopCounty.gov](https://www.clatsopcounty.gov) to sign up for ClatsopAlerts!

This alert and [wildfire awareness campaign](#) is a collaborative effort of Clatsop County, the Fire Defense Board and the Oregon Department of Forestry.

While fire danger is high:

- **There is a complete ban on the use of burn barrels in Clatsop County.**
- Residential campfires only will be allowed in the cities. Residents outside city limits with a campfire waiver issued by the Oregon Department of Forestry will be allowed.
- All OHV trails in the Nicolai Mountain OHV Riding Area will close 1 p.m. daily during High (yellow) Fire Danger level.
- All campfires and barbecues will be prohibited in dispersed campsites.

At this time, campfires will be allowed on the beaches, however, they must be at least 50 feet from any beach grass or structure.

"We want to make sure the public and our visitors know that we may further restrict burning depending upon weather, wind, dryness and fire danger," said Neal Bond, Protection Unit

Forester for the Oregon Department of Forestry Astoria District.

Fire Defense Board Chief and Astoria Fire Department Chief Dan Crutchfield cautioned the public. “If you are not sure it is okay to burn where you are, be safe, don’t burn and don’t have a campfire. It is too risky.”

For up-to-date information about fire season requirements, call 503-325-5451.

For other campgrounds, check with the corresponding ODF office. To find out more about public restrictions visit the [Oregon Dept. of Forestry](#).

Fireworks, exploding targets/tracer ammunition, sky lanterns are prohibited at all levels during fire season.