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(Burn Ban in Effect)

The Hillsboro Fire Department (HFD) in conjunction with the Washington County Fire Defense Board Chief and the Oregon Department of Forestry has issued an immediate ban on all open burning. Fire Defense Board Chief Dustin Morrow advised all fire departments in the county today. A burn ban is declared each year based on weather conditions and the relative fire danger. It will remain in effect until further notice.

The Burn Ban includes:

- All backyard burning
- All agricultural burning

The Burn Ban does NOT include the following:

- Recreational fires (e.g. Cooking fires in a fire pit or barbeque) Persons intending on using fire in this manner should use caution.
- Ceremonial fires or religious fires which require a permit issued by HFD Fire Prevention Officers.

“With the warm, windy and dry conditions we are experiencing, the risk of fires of all types begins to increase,” said Hillsboro Fire Chief Gary Seidel. “Bark dust, grass and brush fires can quickly spread to homes and businesses with disastrous outcomes,” he added, “and we want to prevent those from occurring.”

Hillsboro residents are reminded that backyard burning has been prohibited since June 15. City residents who may be planning holiday activities in rural Washington County are reminded that today’s burn ban affects the entire county and may alter their work plans on properties outside the city limits. If you plan to travel to other counties or states, check with our local fire jurisdiction for any restrictions. For more fire and life safety information, visit: www.ci.hillsboro.or.us/fire or call 503-681-6166. And, for periodic updates on HFD activities and incidents visit our blog at www.hillsborofire.blogspot.com.

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