



Outdoor Fire Appliances, Fire Pits, and Fireplaces

Residents inside the Medford City Limits are allowed to burn small wood or charcoal fires in a residential fire pit or fire appliance. Medford Fire does not issue permits for residential fire pits. A permanent fire pit structure may require a permit from the City of Medford Building Department, check before starting construction. All fires and fire pits must meet the requirements outlined in Medford Municipal Code Section 5.550.

All Outdoor Fires in the City Limits Are Subject to These Conditions

- Fires are not allowed when extreme fire danger is in effect, as declared by the Oregon Department of Forestry.
- Fires are not allowed when the Jackson County Wood Burning Advisory is declared red or yellow. Call 541-776-9000 to confirm.
- Fires without a screen are not allowed. This prevents embers from spreading.
- Fires are not allowed when temperatures exceed 90°F or wind speeds exceed 20 mph.
- The property owner or the owner's agent must give permission to have the fire.
- **Only dry wood or charcoal briquettes are allowed to be burned.** Burning garbage or any material that emits dense smoke or noxious odors is not allowed.



Additional Conditions for Freestanding Fireplace Appliances or Freestanding Fire Pit Appliances

- The appliance shall be used per manufacturer's safety requirements.
- The appliance must be placed on a non-combustible surface or non-combustible pad.
- Fire appliances and freestanding fire pits shall not be operated within 15 feet of combustible structures or combustible material.
- Fire appliances and freestanding fire pits are not allowed on decks or patios of multi-family dwellings.



Additional Conditions for In-Ground Fire Pits

- Fire pits shall not be operated within 25 feet of a combustible structure or combustible material.
- The maximum fuel package size is restricted to three (3) feet or less in diameter and two (2) feet or less in height.
- Large bonfires are not allowed.



Additional Conditions for Permanent Fireplaces

- Contact City of Medford Building Department before construction.
- A screen must be installed on the flue to prevent embers from spreading.

