The City of Roseburg allows residents to utilize fire to clean up yard debris in the spring and fall, then relax with a barbeque and a recreational fire pit as night approaches.

However, the Fire Department requires that certain safety measures be observed when working with and recreating with fire. This pamphlet will answer your questions about burn permits, fire pits and burn barrels inside City limits. If you have any other questions, please contact the City of Roseburg Fire Department.

Chimineas or similar approved outdoor recreational burning appliances may be located within 15 feet of a structure or fence and may be used without a permit from the Fire Department.
What Are the Permitted Burning Seasons?

Burn permits within the city limits are issued from April 15th through May 15th and October 1st through October 31st each year. The Fire Chief may modify the burn period when it is determined that health, safety, fire risk or climatic factors justify this change.

A few guidelines to remember:

1. The burn pile site will need to be inspected by the Fire Department prior to burning. There will be a fee for this inspection.
2. Permits are issued for 7 days.
3. You must have a garden hose, water supply and shovel on site.
4. The fire must be extinguished prior to nightfall.
5. An adult must be present while the fire is burning.
6. Fires must be more than 50 feet away from buildings or fences.

When Can I Burn Without a Permit?

You may have an open cooking fire, BBQ, or recreational fire without a permit as long as the following guidelines are observed:

1. An adult is present at all times.
2. A garden hose is connected to a water supply and available to put out the fire.
3. The total fuel area of the fire is less than 3 feet in diameter and less than 2 feet in height.
4. A fire-pit cannot be located within 25 feet of any structure or fence, but a chiminea-type appliance can be within 15 feet if used properly.

Can I Have a Burning Barrel On My Property?

No burn barrels are allowed within the city limits. Yard debris, such as clippings and trimmings are the only materials allowed to be burned. No tires, gas, metal, plastic or building lumber is allowed to be burned.

If you use a burning barrel or burn garbage that produces a noxious smoke or odor, you may be subject to a fine and/or criminal action.