

# Temporary Ban of Recreational Fires Lifted

With local high temperatures returning to normal seasonal levels and the recent increase in relative humidity, the Portland Fire Marshal has lifted the temporary burning ban placed on private residential recreational campfires in effect since July 29, 2009. As of Monday, August 10, 2009 at 8:00 am, people within the City of Portland will again be allowed to have small recreational campfires in small fire pits and fires in outdoor fireplaces or chiminea type devices. Extreme caution is recommended and all safety precautions and clearances from combustible materials must be observed. Campfires must be in a fire pit at least 25 feet from any structure and be no longer than three feet in diameter and two feet in height. Clean and dry firewood is the only type of material allowed to be burned in this type of fire. All fires must be attended by a responsible adult at all times and a garden hose must be available for quick extinguishment.

Cooking outdoors in approved propane or charcoal barbeques **is allowed**.

General open backyard burning of debris, garbage, or yard and tree trimmings is **never allowed** in the City of Portland.

For more information on outdoor burning regulations in the City of Portland, please **[click here](#)** or call (503) 823-3700.