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For Immediate Release

Yard Debris burning is closing early on June 17, 2019

Yard debris burning, also known as 'open burning' will be closing early in the City of Newport, and Newport Rural Fire Protection District. We will re-open burn season around the first of October, when the fall rains return. This burn closure goes into effect Monday, June 17, 2019.

The reason for this early closure is due to unusually dry conditions and lower than normal precipitation. Along with that, Oregon Department of Forestry, Toledo Office has informed us fuel moisture levels in the County are at remarkably low levels. This closure coincides with ODF beginning fire season and regulated use for Western Oregon District.

Inside city limits a permit is not required for recreational fires. However outside city limits, in the Rural Fire Protection District, a permit, or waiver, is required by ODF. A recreational fire is an outside fire, not bigger than 3 feet by 3 feet, used for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth or similar purposes. Anyone with questions regarding burn permits and back yard burning may call the Fire Department at 541-265-9461.

NFD would like to point out some safety tips for recreational fires. Always have a water supply available and extinguish your fire before you leave. Keep recreational fires at least 15 feet away from any structure or combustible materials. Please be respectful of your neighbors and be mindful of where the smoke is traveling.

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