



News Release

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

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Open burning prohibited on Reservation begins July 14, 2022

The local weather patterns of hot and dry conditions, along with dried curing of grass/vegetation. Prompts the closing of open burning on the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

Open burning, including trash in burning barrels and yard debris, will be prohibited on the Umatilla Indian Reservation beginning July 14th. The burn ban will be in effect until fire season is terminated in the fall.

Sweathouse and ceremonial fires are exempt from the ban, but in an effort to monitor sweat house and ceremonial fires, a verbal burn permit must be obtained from the Umatilla Tribal Dispatch at 541-278-0550 and must also be done on specified burn days.

If you need additional information regarding agricultural or other types of burning or air quality you may call the Office of Air Quality at (541) 429-7080. The Office of Air Quality is responsible for burn permits and determination of burning activities.

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