

# GOOD OPEN BURNING PRACTICES

## BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Ensure your neighbors are aware of your plans.

## KNOW WHEN YOU CAN BURN

Do not burn during a burn ban. Contact the Nehalem Bay Fire & Rescue District at (503) 368-7590 or at [www.nehalembayfirerescue.org](http://www.nehalembayfirerescue.org) for current burn restrictions and for obtaining a permit. Never burn on dry or windy days. Always consider the time of the day. Burn between 7:30 am and two hours before sunset.



## BEFORE YOU BURN

Dry, as much as possible, the materials to be burned and find even ground to burn on. Make sure all debris to be burned is done on the same property as the source of the debris. Remember to consider what is underground below the burn pile.

## KEEP YOUR BURN PILE SMALL

Avoid igniting a large pile. Piles must be small, loosely stacked and free from dirt, rocks and other noncombustible materials. Periodically re-stack the burning pile.

## DO NOT BURN PROHIBITED MATERIALS

Prohibited materials include plastics, tires, waste oil, asbestos, and petroleum products.

## TAKE CARE OF YOUR FIRE

Never leave the fire unattended; have adequate water available; have a rake or shovel on hand; and make sure the fire is completely extinguished before leaving.

## YOU HAVE ALTERNATIVES

Reduce waste; reuse as much as possible; recycle paper, metal, plastic, glass and many other materials; compost kitchen waste; and use CARTM to divert materials from burning.