



Community Calendar:

Santa at the Library
December 10

Winter Break
December 18—January 2

First Aid/CPR Class
January 14

Martin Luther King Day
January 16

Valentine's Day
February 14

First Aid/CPR Class
March 11

Spring Break
March 27—31



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Hot off the Press

Winter 2016

Home Fire Escape Planning

Knowing what to do in the event of a fire can save you and your family. Fire can spread quickly, leaving you as little as three minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds. People often get confused about what to do during a fire. When a fire breaks out and the smoke alarm sounds, do you and your family know what to do?

Fire Safety Tips: Prepare, Act, Survive

Installing smoke alarms, having a home fire escape plan, and practicing the plan can help prepare your family for a successful fire escape. Below are tips on how to prepare to get you and your family out safely in case of a fire.

Step 1: Make sure you have working smoke alarms

Install a smoke alarm on every level of your home, outside sleeping areas (hallway), and in each bedroom. Sleep with your bedroom doors closed. A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.

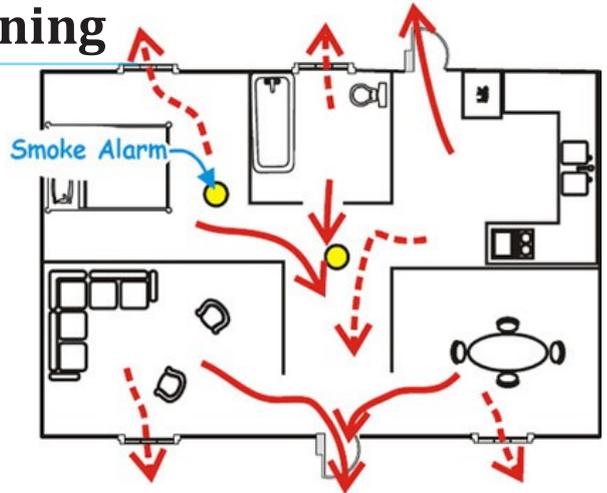
Make sure everyone in the home recognizes the sound of a working smoke alarm.

If you don't have working smoke alarms, contact your local fire agency or the American Red Cross at preparedness@redcross.org or 503-528-5783.

Step 2: Create a home fire escape plan

Make a home fire escape plan and involve all of your family in developing it. Draw a map of each level of your home that shows all doors and windows. Identify two ways out of every room and two ways out of your home. Make sure everyone in the home knows the plan.

Keep exit routes, including windows, clear of furniture, toys, etc., to allow access to escape. Make sure all doors and windows that lead to the outside open easily.



Identify an outside meeting place a safe distance in front of the home; such as a tree, light pole, or mailbox. Make sure everyone knows where the meeting place is and to go there if the smoke alarm sounds.

Step 3: Practice your home fire escape plan

Practice your home fire escape plan at least two times a year at different times of the day/night.

Smoke is dangerous, teach children to crawl low on their hands and knees under the smoke until they get out.

Children, older adults, and people with disabilities may need assistance to wake up and get out. Assign someone to help them in the event that the smoke detectors sound.

When the smoke alarm sounds, get out. Close the doors behind you as you exit. Call 911 from outside your home. Remember, once you're out, stay out.

For more information, or for a free home fire and life safety evaluation, please call Lt. Rich Saalsaa at 541-360-0029.

Personnel Spotlight—A Volunteer's Perspective

Phil Burkum has been a volunteer with Philomath Fire & Rescue since July of 2012. He is an engineer and lives in Wren, west of Philomath. With kids leaving the home, and more time available, he decided to pursue volunteerism with Philomath Fire & Rescue. "It has been a privilege and pleasure meeting many people from all backgrounds in my community. I've become part of an effective emergency response team through training, practice and social engagements with other dedicated volunteers. There is nothing better than responding to an emergency call with colleagues you have trained with and trust. Each situation demands rapid assessment and a confident, safe response. Everyone is "on", striving for the best outcome for patient and property, and when it's all over, we can relax and discuss what we will improve for the next time. After a call response, I always get a warm feeling inside that my karma just got a healthy boost. We do this because we care."



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Our Mission:

The preservation of property through the extinguishment and prevention of fires.

The protection and care of human life through education and treatment.

The development of character through commitment and teamwork.

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Learn more at philomathfire.com, call us at 541-360-0030, or stop by Station 201 Monday—Friday, 8 am to 5 pm at 1035 Main St., Philomath, OR 97370



BURN SMART: Protect air quality and your health

Do you know what can and cannot be burned and when? Here are some answers to your burning questions:

Recreational Burning is a fire at your residence that is used for the purpose of cooking, warming, or similar recreation. It is not backyard debris burning which is regulated by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Recreational Fires may be subject to burn bans in extreme fire danger conditions. If you are going to have a recreational fire on your property, we request that you complete the Recreational Burn Waiver on our website at <http://www.philomathfire.com/rec-burn-waiver>. If you have questions about this, please call Lt. Saalsaa at 541-360-0029.

NOTE: If you are outside the city limits, you will want to check with ODF, 541-929-3266, to see if they have restrictions or requirements for burning or machinery usage in your area, particularly in June-September.

Tips for Safe Recreational Burning

- Fire needs to be in a designated fire pit or landscaped area that completely contains the fire within an area.
- There must be a 3 ft. clearance around the fire pit/area, free from any combustibles.
- Make sure there is a responsible person present continuously.
- Have fire extinguisher, water or garden hose nearby to extinguish fire rapidly.
- Keep fire smaller than 3 feet in diameter and don't let flames rise higher than 2 feet.
- Extinguish fire completely when done.

Smoke management is your responsibility. If the smoke becomes a nuisance or health hazard to neighbors, the fire will need to be extinguished immediately.

Backyard (Open Outdoor) Burning is regulated by the DEQ. Examples of outdoor or open burning include: using a burn barrel, burning yard debris, burning construction or demolition debris (wood only – no shingles, painted surfaces, etc.), and burning stumps to clear land. This is

regulated between the months of October and June – and there are permissible days and times during days when this type of burning can take place. Call our Burn Line at 541-929-5903 during open burn season to learn about the burn recommendations for the day.

Agricultural Burning is also regulated by the DEQ. These are fires set to burn agricultural debris related to raising, harvesting or selling crops, livestock or poultry. The activity must either show a profit or intend to show a profit to qualify. Like Backyard Burning, this is regulated between October and June, with permissible days and times when this type of burning can take place. Call our Burn Line at 541.929.5903 during open burn season to learn about the burn recommendations for the day.

DO NOT BURN

Burning the following materials is illegal at anytime, anywhere in Oregon: Rubber & plastic product, tires, asbestos, wet garbage & food waste, waste oil & petroleum treated or related materials, asphalt or industrial waste, shingles, creosote-covered wood, wood and construction debris that is heavily painted, automobile parts, dead animals, oil-based paints, solvents, garden chemicals and car fluids (including using diesel or solvents to start a fire), or any material creating dense smoke/noxious odors

Alternatives to Burning Yard and Household Waste:

- Compost yard debris & kitchen scraps.
- Buy a chipper and use the chips for mulch and compost.
- Use your curbside yard debris service.
- Take yard debris to your local transfer station. Check for free collection days.
- Donate your reusable lumber.
- Take hazardous materials to a free collection event.

