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Outdoor Burning Season Ends Early in Lane County Due to Elevated Fire Risk.

LANE COUNTY — In light of dry conditions and an escalating fire danger, the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA) announces an early closure of the outdoor burning season. The season, normally scheduled to close on June 15, will now end on June 2, 2023. The final day for burning is June 2, 2023.

The decision to conclude the outdoor burning season ahead of schedule comes from the Lane Fire Defense Board and the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF). The extended dry period, coupled with forecasted conditions, has prompted the revision of the burning season dates.

“Given the current conditions, the only way to mitigate fire risk without relying on weather changes is through our actions,” said Travis Knudsen, the Public Affairs Manager for LRAPA. “That’s why the Fire Defense Board and ODF are closing the season now.”

Residents are reminded that disposing of yard debris is crucial in defending against wildfires. To facilitate this, Lane County offers several collection depots where residents can dispose of woody yard debris for a minimal fee. Alternatives to burning, such as chipping and composting, are also recommended.

As the fall open burning season is set to begin on October 1, any changes to this date due to fire risk will be announced by the Lane County Fire Defense Board.

To stay updated on the burning season status, visit www.lrapa.org, or call the LRAPA daily open burning advisory line at 541-726-3976. Coastal residents may reach out at 541-997-1757.

For further information about the decision and fire danger, please contact Lane Fire Defense Board’s Chief Chad Minter at 541-686-1573.

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