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## **City Declares State of Emergency Due to Wildfire Danger**

LAKE OSWEGO –City of Lake Oswego City Manager Martha Bennett has declared a local state of emergency as a result of dangerous and unprecedented wildfires in Clackamas County. The Lake Oswego City Council will meet to act on the declaration of state of emergency at a special meeting at 1 p.m. on Saturday, September 12, 2020. If ratified by the Council, this state of emergency will continue until 5 p.m. on Tuesday, September 15, 2020, unless the Council votes to extend it at their regular meeting on September 15.

Effective 11:59 a.m. on September 11, 2020, the following activities are prohibited during this state of emergency (except for use by City, County, State, and Federal personnel to ensure the public health, safety and welfare, and entities working under contract with those agencies):

- Any open burning, including, but not limited to, bonfires, recreational fires, and outdoor fireplaces.
- Any outdoor open flames, including without limitation:
  - Open flame cooking devices such as charcoal, gas, and propane grills and camp stoves;
  - Candles and lanterns;
  - Outdoor heaters;
  - Torches of any kind, including without limitation decorative torches and torches used for construction (e.g. welding equipment);
  - Lighters or matches.
- Outdoor smoking.
- Use of powered yard maintenance and construction equipment that creates sparks, including, but not limited to, lawnmowers, chainsaws, chippers, blowers and weed whackers.
- Use of any other device that causes an outdoor spark or flame, as outlined in the 2019 Oregon Fire Code.

The Declaration of Emergency also allows the City to cancel programs and events and close or restrict access to City parks and other facilities where the extreme risk of fire exists.

The following Parks & Recreation sites are closed through Sunday September 13, 2020:

- Parks, including restrooms and parking lots

- Athletic Fields
- Christ Church Parks & Recreation Annex, including Teen Lounge
- Lake Oswego Golf Course
- Lake Oswego Indoor Tennis Center
- Luscher Farm
- Natural Areas
- Trails
- Water Sports Center

The following Parks & Recreation programs are canceled:

- Lake Oswego Farmers' Market on Saturday, September 12.
- All classes and activities at the Indoor Tennis Center through Sunday, September 13.

Lake Oswego remains in a Level 1 Evacuation Alert. This means you need to “Be Ready” for a potential evacuation and have a plan in place. Please stay where you are, but be prepared.

Sign up for Clackamas County Public Alerts to get evacuation information and the latest notices at: [www.clackamas.us/dm/publicalerts](http://www.clackamas.us/dm/publicalerts).

The safety of the community remains the City’s top priority. For the latest information about City services, closures, and restrictions please visit the City website at: [www.ci.oswego.or.us/community/clackamas-wildfires-2020](http://www.ci.oswego.or.us/community/clackamas-wildfires-2020). We also recommend following Nextdoor and the City’s social media channels, including Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

For specific inquiries, please contact Deputy City Manager Anthony Hooper at 503-697-7422 or [ahooper@lakeoswego.city](mailto:ahooper@lakeoswego.city).

We know this situation can cause fear and anxiety. Please take care of yourself and your family.

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