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For Immediate Release

**Temporary closure of Back Yard Debris Burning for the City of
Newport and Newport Rural Fire Protection District**

Due to low relative humidity and a strong NE wind forecasted for the next few days, backyard debris burning in the City of Newport and Newport Rural Fire Protection District is temporarily closed.

This temporary closure goes into effect immediately. We will reopen backyard debris burning when the weather changes and higher humidity returns.

The temporary closure is to reduce the chance for fire spread. This is especially important because most seasonal wildland fire crews are not in place this early in the year. Please call Newport Fire Department at 541-265-9461 if you have any questions.

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