

Smoke Information

The Oakridge-Westfir community was once among the 20 worst air quality communities for short-term particulate matter (PM2.5) in the United States.

Because Oakridge is located in a small valley, home wood heating and wildfire smoke settles into our community. This raises PM2.5 and impacts health.

The Oakridge Air program is a community partnership of local organizations working together to keep the air clean. Oakridge Air helped Oakridge reach attainment for National Ambient Air Quality Standards for PM2.5 and PM10 in September 2022! The work continues with a 10 year maintenance plan.

Text "Oakridge Air" to 541-543-2019 to receive text alerts for year round smoke information.

How Does Smoke Affect Health?

- Cancer
- Heart attacks
- Irregular heartbeat
- Decreased lung function
- Aggravation or development of asthma
- Increased respiratory symptoms
- Irritated airways, coughing, or difficulty breathing

Contact us!



(541) 782-3422



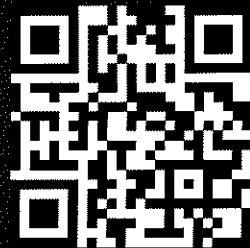
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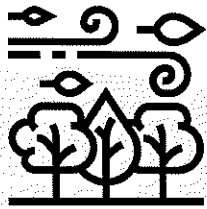
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Oakridge Air

ABOUT OAKRIDGE AIR

The EPA granted \$7.6 million across two Target Airshed grants to the Oakridge & Westfir community to work on issues related to summer wildfire and wintertime wood smoke. Oakridge Air formed to implement solutions with programs such as Fire Safety and Firewise, the Community Firewood Program, the Cleaner Indoor Air Program, and the Home Heating Upgrades Program.



WHAT DO THESE PROGRAMS ADDRESS?

These programs are designed to decrease wildfire fuels through prescribed fire and community fuel reduction, inform the community of prescribed fire or high smoke days, provide cleaner air in public and private spaces, and provide home heating upgrades to reduce emissions and keep homes safe.



HOME HEATING UPGRADES PROGRAM

The home heating upgrades program provides up to \$20,000 of upgrades per home for 195 qualified homes. A home energy auditor evaluates the home's needs, specifically for:

- Upgrading non-EPA certified woodstoves
- Installing electrical heating with ductless heat pumps (DHPs),
- Providing weatherization to ensure that heat stays within the home.

This program is FREE to the resident. To learn if your home qualifies, contact us.

✉ Upgrades@OakridgeAir.org

☎ 541-782-3422

COMMUNITY FIREWOOD PROGRAM

The Community Firewood Program provides dry firewood at or below 20% moisture to the community. Subsidized rates are offered for senior citizens, disabled or Oakridge heating exempt list participants. Call 541-782-3422 or visit oakridgeair.org/firewood.



FIRE SAFETY

The Fire Safety Program informs the community when prescribed fire is scheduled to occur near the Oakridge/Westfir community. Signs are posted at community boards, and online on Facebook and on oakridgeair.org

FIREWISE

Firewise is a voluntary program where community members help reduce fire ignition sources on their property. This program includes the City of Oakridge Yard Waste Disposal Program. For more information or for a free home assessment contact 541-782-3422 or oakridgeair.org/firewise



CLEANER INDOOR AIR

Cleaner air spaces serve as a refuge during periods of poor air quality. HVAC air filtration upgrades were given to the High School and Oakridge Library. Over 1,600 portable air purifiers have been provided to vulnerable community members. Contact us to inquire if we currently have more available for qualified applicants.

OAKRIDGE AIR PROGRAM



As part of a thirty year effort to improve air quality, the Environmental Protection Agency has granted our community \$7.6 million across two Targeted Airshed Grants. The program will continue until 2027.

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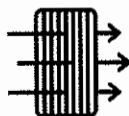
Weatherization, home repairs, ductless heat pumps, & certified wood stove upgrades to 195 homes.

COMMUNITY FIREWOOD PROGRAM



Seasoned firewood with a reduced rate for home heating exempt list homes, senior, & disabled residents.

CLEANER INDOOR AIR



HVAC updates for cleaner air spaces at the High School and Oakridge Library. Over 1,600 portable air purifiers have been distributed to households in the community.

CODE ENFORCEMENT



Code Enforcement with the Oakridge Police Department that offers an educational diversion program for first time smoke violations.

COMMUNITY & SCHOOL EDUCATION



School curriculum by the Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council in coordination with the Oakridge School District. Community education and outreach Oakridge Air.

WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE?

