

# OPEN BURNING INFORMATION

## General

This permit is granted pursuant to 32-1-1002 C.R.S. and the 2009 IFC as amended.

Certain items and burns are only permitted to burn after issuance of a permit from the State of Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment in accordance with the Colorado Air Quality Control Act 25-7-123.C.R.S., Article 1. It is the Applicants responsibility to determine the need for and to obtain other applicable permits. State of Colorado Air Quality Permit and information is available at <http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/CDPHE-AP/CBON/1251595664753>.

Enforcement of these standards is done by the Public Health Official. Issuance of a burn permit by the Fire Authority or Sheriff's Department does not negate the authority of the Public Health Official, nor shift the responsibility of the individual obtaining the permit to abide by all applicable laws.

This permit shall be retained on site by the person supervising the burning and shall be shown upon request to any fire department, law enforcement, or public health official.

Failure to comply with any of the above mentioned statutes, ordinances rules or regulations within, may result in making this permit null and void and the penalties therein shall be in force. Omission by name or number of any other relevant statute, ordinance, code(s), rules or regulations from this permit does not relieve the applicant's responsibility of compliance with the same.

## Permitted Burning

Unpainted / untreated natural wood products, weed, or brush slash piles.

Agriculture burning to prepare soil for crop production, weed control / abatement, ditch clearing and other agricultural cultivation purposes.

Paper product wastes from household use.

## Non-Permitted Burning

Rubbers or plastics

Burning of materials that cause a dense smoke or odor

Treated wood

Construction waste materials

Chemicals

Materials that will cause an emission of hazardous or toxic fumes

Open burning of animal parts or carcasses

## Rules for safe burning operations

- Notify the Garfield County Emergency Communications Authority at 970-625-8095 prior to starting each burn and after completing each burn.
- Make small diameter, tall piles rather than one large, sprawling fire and feed the fire as it gets hot; don't allow smoldering.

- No burning within 50' (fifty feet) of combustibles or structures
- At no time shall fires be allowed to be left unattended
- The person responsible for the fire shall have the ability to visually see the entire burn area at all times of the burning operations.
- A method to extinguish the fire shall be present during burning operations. Adequate water is preferred, but items may include: fire extinguishers, hand tools, dirt or sand. Tools allowed and available water quantities shall be adequate to the time of year and the anticipated fire behavior.
- Burning is permitted during daylight hours only and although not required, it is strongly recommended that burning operations are completed by late morning each day. Fires are to be extinguished a minimum of ½ hour prior to sunset. Small ceremonial or recreational “camp” fires do not require a burn permit and are exempt from daylight burning requirements.
- Permits for open burning shall be issued for spring and fall burning seasons. The spring burning season will be for the period between January 1st and Memorial Day. The fall burning season will be for period between Labor Day and December 31st. Applications to burn between Memorial Day and Labor Day will be considered on a case by case basis by CRFR.
- Alternative methods to burning of materials should be considered. Alternative options may include: landfill, lumber for fire wood, chipping of wood for mulch, etc.

### **Burn Restrictions / Open Burning Notification**

Possession of an open burning permit does not constitute the authority to burn at any time. Burn restrictions and bans may be implemented on a daily basis by the fire authority or the sheriff for reasons including, but not limited to, weather conditions, resource availability, dangerous burn indexes, high wind conditions, etc. The Garfield County Emergency Communications Center will have information on burn restrictions.

If changes occur in weather conditions after an open burn has been started, the local fire authority or Sheriff may require the fire to be extinguished.