

To Obtain a Burning Permit

CALL THE INTERAGENCY BURNING PERMIT CENTER (IBPC)

LOCAL PHONE 752-7376
LONG DISTANCE (800) 545-7376 (in state)

Please do not use the toll -free line if calling from the local area. Burning permits will be available by calling the numbers listed above, or obtained on a walk-in basis at the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, 2250 Highway 93 North, Kalispell, MT 59901.

From May 1st to September 30th (in conjunction with your local fire protection agency*), the IBPC will issue permits Monday-Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. The IBPC is not staffed during the weekend or holidays (Memorial Day, Independence Day, or Labor Day), so if you plan to burn on the weekend or holiday, remember to call before 4:30 pm Friday or before the holiday.
*see Calendar inside brochure

The responsible fire protection agency may have to visit your burn site first, so plan ahead and call for your permit BEFORE you intend to burn.

We cannot issue a permit without your legal description!

Your legal description (1/4, 1/4, Section, Township, Range) can be found on your property deed or tax notice, or by calling your county plat room.

Legal description example: NE 1/4, NE 1/4, S10, T25N, R24W

COUNTY PLAT ROOM PHONE NUMBERS

Flathead County Plat Room	758-5510
Lake County Plat Room (by owner's name)	883-7213
Lincoln County Plat Room	293-7781 ext. 205

AIR QUALITY HOTLINE PHONE NUMBERS

Flathead County	751-8144
Lake County	(800) 225-6779
Lincoln County	293-5644

WEATHER SERVICE PHONE NUMBER

National Weather Service Office 755-4829

**CALL 911 TO REPORT AN UNCONTROLLED
OR UNATTENDED FIRE.**

2004 Interagency Burning Permit Center

BURNING PERMIT APPLICATION FOR ALL FLATHEAD COUNTY RURAL FIRE DISTRICTS

LAKE COUNTY RURAL FIRE
DEPARTMENTS
(ROLLINS, SWAN LAKE,
BIGFORK, AND FERNDAL)

ALL FLATHEAD NATIONAL FOREST
RANGER DISTRICTS

GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

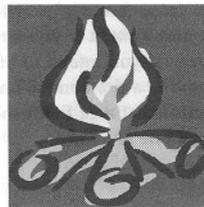
MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL
RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION
(KALISPELL UNIT AND STILLWATER UNIT)



Flathead
National
Forest



Glacier
National
Park



Flathead County
Rural Fire
Council



Montana Department of
Natural Resources and
Conservation



Flathead County
Environmental
Health Services

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Requirements

The Montana state forest fire season is from May 1st through September 30th each year. During this period, permits are required for open debris burning. (Definition: 76-13-102 MCA, State Statute 76-13-121 MCA).

PLEASE BE CAREFUL WITH FIRE!

Escaped debris fires can threaten valuable resources, as well as lives and property. Follow the information provided in this pamphlet to reduce the risk of an escaped debris fire.

For more specific information before burning, contact the Interagency Burning Permit Center (IBPC).

Remember, you are responsible for any and all suppression costs if your fire escapes your control! (State Statute 50-63-103 MCA)

WHAT CAN YOU BURN?

Only two types of debris burning are allowed in Montana.

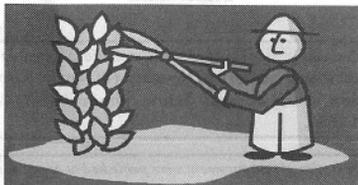
1. Agricultural debris

This debris is created from farming, ranching, and gardening. Your field or garden may benefit if you simply plow the dried plants and leaves under. If you intend to burn, be sure you are fully prepared. If possible, a fire control line should be plowed around the area to be burned. Large fields should be divided into small plots to be burned one at a time.

2. Wildland debris

This debris is created in two ways.

- A. Natural accumulations of needles, grasses, leaves, shrubs, limbs, and trees.
- B. Unnatural accumulations of fuel resulting from some management activities in the wildland such as land clearing or timber harvesting.



Helpful Tips

BURN ONLY NATURAL VEGETATION AND WOODY MATERIALS

Keep piles free of dirt. Use brush blades on dozers when piling slash. When possible, use an excavator to pile.

Put debris in small piles so the fire will be hot, yet manageable. Wet or dirt-covered materials will cause fires to smolder and emit more smoke. Build debris piles in openings away from bodies of water, structures, or overhead branches and wires.

Piles can be covered with plastic or waterproof paper and anchored with additional slash. This practice will allow piles to be burned during periods of time when adjacent fuels are too wet to burn and control is not a problem or concern. (Remember to remove the plastic before igniting).

Scrape away debris and any other burnable materials several feet around the piles to be burned. The result should be bare soil around each pile.

Keep plenty of water and sufficient personnel, tools, and equipment ready in case of unexpected changes in fire behavior. Light the fire only when you have an update on safe weather and safe burning conditions. (e.g. winds calm, weather cool).

When possible, make plans to re-pile debris as piles are consumed. This will allow the fire to be put out as quickly as possible.

**THE FIRE MUST BE ATTENDED UNTIL
NO SMOKE OR LIVE EMBERS REMAIN.**

ALTERNATIVES TO BURNING

Alternatives to burning include making a compost pile out of small organic materials, using thinning and logging debris for firewood, tilling vegetative waste materials into the soil, hauling debris to a landfill, chipping logging debris and slash, lopping and scattering logging debris, or machine crushing or trampling the logging debris.

For Your Protection

Burning permits are normally issued for a 10-day period. As fire danger rises, the permit period can be limited or issuance stopped completely. **You must obtain a burning permit when burning on public or private property.**

Burning permits are not available within the Whitefish and Kalispell city limits, where open burning is prohibited.

See Kalispell City Ordinance 1197, or Whitefish City Ordinances 87-4 and 88-2.

CAUTION

Do not burn when high or erratic winds are forecast or dry conditions prevail. **Do not attempt to bury any burning material** as fire can and will burn underground, sometimes for several months!

PROHIBITED MATERIALS

Prohibited materials to burn include business waste, treated or painted wood or lumber, tar paper, tires, insulated wire, any salvage, oil products, styrofoam or plastics, food wastes, animal parts or waste, hazardous waste, noxious waste, and any man-made material.

BURN BARRELS

Burn barrels should not be used to burn garbage.



If burn barrels are used, please burn only agricultural or wildland debris.

CAMPFIRES

Burning permits are not required to have a campfire. But... let's not set the woods on fire! (State Statutes 76-13-121 MCA; 76-13-123 MCA) A campfire is generally defined as 3 feet in diameter with flame lengths up to 3 feet. Be sure your campfire is **DEAD OUT**; leave no trace. Remember to have a shovel and bucket handy (Forest Fire Rules and Regulations Rule VIII).

Seasonal Schedule

CALENDAR

Dec 1-Feb 29	Season closed - No open burning
Mar 1-Apr 30	Open burning No burning permit required Air quality compliance required
May 1-June 30	Burning permit required Air quality compliance required
July 1-Sept 30	Moratorium on burning due to increase in fire weather danger. (Burning permits may be issued at the discretion of your local fire protection agency)
Oct 1-Nov 30	Open burning No burning permit required Air quality compliance required

In addition to the burning permit, you are required by law to comply with the State Air and Waste Management Bureau's "Open Burning Regulations" Additional local regulations may also apply in certain towns, cities, and counties.

You may be required to obtain an air quality permit from your local city-county health department:

Flathead County 751-8130
Lake County 883-7236
Lincoln County 293-7781 ext. 220

FIRE SEASON BURNING CLOSURE

The Rural Fire Districts (RFDs) in Flathead County and some in Lake County (Rollins, Swan Lake, Bigfork, and Ferndale) have the option of declaring a moratorium on burning from July 1st through September 30th. The closure will last through the fire season or until further notice.

During the closure, in areas of overlapping jurisdiction, the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation and the Forest Service refrain from issuing permits within the RFDs. This closure does not apply to lands protected solely by the Forest Service or Department of Natural Resources and Conservation.

INTERAGENCY BURNING PERMIT CENTER (IBPC) STATE OF MONTANA - APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

TO VALIDATE THIS PERMIT YOU **MUST** CONTACT THE **IBPC AT 752-7376** FOR INFORMATION ON FILLING OUT THIS APPLICATION AND FOR ASSIGNMENT OF A BURNING PERMIT OR EXTENSION NUMBER. WRITE THE NUMBER IN THE SPACE PROVIDED; SIGN AND DATE THIS PERMIT.

THIS PERMIT IS NOT VALID UNTIL SIGNED. (STATE STATUTE 76-13-122 MCA)

ENTER NUMBER HERE: _____ VALID DATES: ____/____/____ TO ____/____/____
PERMIT EXTENSION NUMBER: _____ VALID FROM: ____/____/____ TO ____/____/____, INCLUSIVE.
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IBPC ISSUING CLERK: _____ MY FIRE PROTECTION AGENCY: _____

NAME: _____

BURN SITE ADDRESS/LOCATION: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

DAYTIME PHONE: _____ ALTERNATIVE NUMBER: _____

LEGAL LOCATION: 1/4-1/4 _____ SECTION _____ TOWNSHIP _____ N _____ RANGE _____ W _____

INSPECTION REQUIRED? YES/NO (CHECK WITH IBPC CLERK) TIME: _____ DATE: _____

BY WHOM: _____ REINSPECTION DATE: _____

TO BURN THE FOLLOWING MATERIAL(S): _____

USE THE TWO COLUMNS BELOW TO DESCRIBE YOUR BURNING PROJECT AND FIRE SUPPRESSION

RESOURCES YOU WILL HAVE ON HAND :

_____ YARD DEBRIS	_____ NUMBER/APPROX. SIZE OF PILES
_____ HAND PILES	_____ NUMBER/APPROX. SIZE OF PILES
_____ MACHINE -PILED SLASH	_____ NUMBER/APPROX. SIZE OF PILES
_____ BROADCAST BURN	_____ NUMBER OF ACRES
_____ AGRICULTURAL WASTE	_____ TYPE
_____ HAND TOOLS	_____ TYPE
_____ WATER SOURCE(S)	_____ TYPE
_____ PEOPLE ON SITE	_____ NUMBER AVAILABLE
_____ HEAVY EQUIPMENT	_____ TYPE
_____ OTHER RESOURCE	_____ DESCRIBE

MATERIALS PROHIBITED TO BURN: BUSINESS WASTE, TREATED/PAINTED WOOD OR LUMBER,, TAR PAPER, TIRES, INSULATED WIRE, ANY SALVAGE, OIL PRODUCTS, STYROFOAM OR PLASTICS, FOOD WASTES, ANIMAL PARTS/WASTE, HAZARDOUS WASTE, NOXIOUS WASTE, OR ANY MAN -MADE MATERIALS.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS: You **MUST** call Air Quality (751-8144) each day before ignition. This permit once validated must be on your person at all times while burning.

I have read the attached information, agree to the conditions set forth therein, and understand that a failure to comply with those conditions, leaving a fire unattended before it is totally extinguished, or allowing it to spread beyond the defined burn area above, is a misdemeanor. (State Statute 76-13-122 MCA)

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: ____/____/____