



NORTHERN LAKES FIRE DISTRICT BURNING RULES

Each day that you burn, call the Air Quality Advisory Hotline at 1-800-633-6247 Option #3 for Kootenai County area conditions. Outside burning is not allowed by Idaho DEQ when the air quality is **RED**, which is considered a burn ban.

CONTACT THE FIRE DISTRICT FOR INFORMATION ON BURNING CLOSURES

Please obtain a new copy of the burning rules each burning season. Changes may be made to the burning rules from year to year and you are responsible for understanding these changes. These rules are based on Idaho Fire Code and Idaho Statutes

BURNING MAY BE CLOSED CERTAIN TIMES OF THE YEAR BY IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF LANDS, THE FIRE DISTRICT OR IDAHO DEQ BASED ON HAZARDOUS FIRE CONDITIONS OR POOR AIR QUALITY UNDER IDAHO CODE

BURN PERMITS ARE ISSUED THROUGH THE IDAHO DEPT. OF LANDS (IDL)- **REQUIRED MAY 10 THRU OCT 20**

- Burn Permits can be obtained by going to www.burnpermits.idaho.gov and are good for ten (10) days. The permit can be renewed on the IDL burn permit website. IDL Burn Permits are free.
- Permits are required by IDL for burn barrels, residential yard waste, slash piles, weed control, rangeland, prescribed burning, and crop residue/pasture land during the dates listed above.

OPEN BURNING CONDITIONS- **OCT 21 THRU MAY 09**

- Small cooking fires, recreational fires, warming fires, slash piles, fence line, crop residue, residential yard waste and burn barrels- NO PERMIT REQUIRED
- Bonfires, silvicultural, rangeland, wildlife management and control of disease or pest fires- WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM FIRE DISTRICT REQUIRED

OPEN BURNING RULES –

- All open burning requires a minimum clearance of fifty (50) feet from any structure. **Some large piles may require greater clearances.** Recreational fires may not be within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material unless they are contained in a barbecue pit.
- Portable outdoor fireplaces shall be used in accordance with manufacturers instructions and shall not be operated within fifteen (15) feet of a structure, with the exception of one and two family dwellings.
- A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating or other approved on-site fire extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose or water truck, shall be available for immediate utilization.
- **Fires must be attended at all times, fires must be completely out before you leave the site except slash piles which may be allowed to burn unattended and throughout the night when conditions allow.**

PROHIBITED BURNING – IDAHO DEQ GUIDELINES- IDAHO DEQ IS RESPONSIBLE FOR AIR QUALITY ISSUES

- Burning of construction debris and commercial or industrial trade waste is prohibited.
- Hauling of debris from one property to another to burn is prohibited
- Burning of trash, plastic, tires, garbage, pallets, animals, animal waste and other hazardous material is prohibited.
- Burning during an Idaho DEQ burn ban due to air quality.

Failure to comply with burning rules may result in fines issued by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) and/or being charged with extinguishment costs

OTHER SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SAFE BURNING

- **FIRE BREAKS** - *It is highly recommended that you have an area 10 foot wide around the fire that is cleared down to mineral soil and that no trees or vegetation are in close proximity to your fire area.*
- **WIND AND FIRE DANGER** - *Check the fire danger each day before you burn. Do not burn during windy conditions. If your fire escapes your burn area you are responsible for extinguishment costs and damages.*
- **TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL BURN –**
 - *Start fire small and feed it as it burns down.*
 - *Check weather forecast, air quality and fire danger level before burning.*
 - *Follow all open burning guidelines.*

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