



OPEN BURNING PERMIT

The Colorado air pollution control laws and regulations prohibit open burning throughout the State unless a permit has been obtained from the appropriate air pollution control authority. In granting or denying any such permit, the authority shall base its action on the potential contribution to air pollution in the area, climatic conditions on the day or days of such burning, and the authority's satisfaction that there is no practical alternate method for the disposal of the material to be burned. Information regarding open burning can be found here: https://www.weldgov.com/departments/health_and_environment/environmental_health/air_quality/burning_regulations/

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CONDITIONS

1. During publicly announced periods of AIR POLLUTION EMERGENCY or ALERT, all permits are suspended in the alert areas. Contact the Air Pollution Control Division at the State health department at (303) 692-3100 to determine the status. In such cases, burning may be conducted only with direct permission from the granting authority. A "No burning Declaration" is in effect for the Weld County carbon monoxide attainment/maintenance area from November 1 to March 31. In the Denver ozone attainment/maintenance area that includes Weld County, no burning will take place during an "Ozone Action Day Alert". It is the responsibility of the permit holder to contact the Health Department, radio, TV news, or internet to determine if the day of the planned burn is during the "No Burning Declaration" or an "Ozone Action Day Alert." The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment issues a daily open burning forecast with that information which can be found here: https://www.colorado.gov/airquality/colorado_summary.aspx
2. The permit holder (permittee) will notify the appropriate fire control office, fire district or authority on each separate day of their intent to burn and the location of the burn. Do not call "911". Call appropriate administration number for the fire district. You may also contact Weld County Dispatch at 970-350-9600 and the appropriate fire district will be notified.
3. Pile size is limited to 512 cubic feet or 8 feet x 8 feet x 8 feet in size. Piles greater than these dimensions must be split into multiple piles.
4. Burning will not be allowed when the local wind speeds exceed 5 miles per hour or when a Red Flag Warning is in effect. Check for Red Flag Warnings at <https://forecast.weather.gov/product.php?site=bou&product=rfw&issuedby=BOU>.
5. This Open Burning Permit is issued with the condition that any wood that is burned is not treated (no painted surfaces, no varnish, no polyurethane, no laminates such as plywood, OSB, Masonite, etc). Treated wood, when burned, releases toxic air pollutants that are harmful to breathe. Please cut tree branches into small pieces to promote rapid burning. Create piles with abundant air spaces for rapid burning and minimal smoke production.
6. This permit shall be good for only two weeks; note the expiration date of the permit.
7. The allowed time period for open burning and smoke emissions is from 2 hours after sunrise to 2 hours before sunset or as designated by the Open Burning Forecast in the link above. Smoke emissions from open burns are not allowed within 2 hours of sundown. To ensure smoke and pollutants are not emitted after sundown, the burn pile must be "cold" or comfortable to the hand by touch.
8. The permit shall be retained by the person supervising the burning and shall be shown upon request by appropriate officials without delay.
9. The permit is for compliance with air pollution control requirements only and is not a permit to violate any existing local laws, regulations, or ordinances regarding fire, zoning, or building.
10. The permittee is responsible for obtaining any additional permits and/or clearances from any appropriate fire control office, any local agency, or other official prior to submission of the permit.
11. At no time shall the burning material be left unattended. Burning shall be supervised by one or more responsible persons depending on the type of burning. Precautions shall be taken to localize the burning and in no way constitute a fire hazard to persons or property within or adjacent to the area of burning. The granting authority and the employees or agents thereof, in the issuing of a permit, do not assume any responsibility or results in damage to the person or property of the permittee, or the person or property of any third person.
12. Commercially derived trash material will not be permitted to be burned. Materials from commercial farming operations not covered under the "Agriculture Exemption," will not be permitted to be burned.
13. Burning shall be restricted to the item(s) and location as indicated. All operations shall be subject to inspection by the Air Pollution Control Division or its representatives.
14. The permittee, agents, and assignees shall abide by the conditions and restrictions contained herein. Any violations, of these same conditions and restrictions shall render this permit null and void.

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