



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.

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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" may be necessary in the Weld County carbon monoxide, ozone or PM10 attainment/maintenance areas 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" during the months of June, July and August. 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."
2. The permit holder (permittee) will notify the appropriate fire control office, fire district or authority on each separate day of his intent to burn and the location of the burn. Do not call "911". Call appropriate administration number for the fire district.
3. The permit shall be retained by the person supervising the burning and shall be shown upon request of appropriate officials without delay.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Commercially derived trash material will not be permitted to be burned. Trash materials from commercial farming operations, not covered under the "Agriculture Exemption," will not be permitted to be burned.
8. 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.
9. The permittee, his employees, 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.
10. This permit shall be good for only two weeks; note the expiration date of the permit.
11. The allowed time period for open burning and smoke emissions is from 2 hours after sunrise to 2 hours before sunset. Smoke emissions from open burns are not allowed within 2 hours of sundown. To assure emissions of smoke and pollutants are not emitted after sundown, the burn pile must be "cold" or comfortable to the hand by touch. Ceremonial burns or bonfires do not require an open burning permit. Ceremonial burns are allowed after dark, but will not be allowed to smolder and emit smoke throughout the night. Ceremonial burns must use only clean, untreated wood. Trash is not to be burned during ceremonial burns.
12. Burning will not be allowed when the local wind speeds exceed 5 miles per hour.
13. Equipment such as rakes, shovels, or forks to provide proper combustion air shall be available and used when needed to control or limit smoke emissions.
14. 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.

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