



NORTHERN LAKES FIRE DISTRICT BURNING REGULATIONS

A COPY OF THESE REGULATIONS MUST BE ON-SITE WHEN BURNING

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 allowed when air quality is GREEN; it is not allowed if air quality is YELLOW or RED.

CONTACT THE FIRE DISTRICT FOR INFORMATION ON BURNING CLOSURES

Please obtain a new copy of the burning regulations each burning season. Changes may be made to the burning regulations from year to year and you are responsible for understanding these changes.

1. **BURN PERMITS ARE ISSUED THROUGH THE IDAHO DEPT. OF LANDS (IDL) –**

- All open burning in the Northern Lakes Fire District except small recreational fires requires a **burn permit year round**. Burn Permits can be obtained by going to www.burnpermits.idaho.gov and are good for ten (10) days. The permit can be renewed by logging back into the IDL burn permit website.

2. **ALLOWABLE OPEN BURNING –**

- Yard waste including dry pine needles, dry lawn clippings, dry garden waste, leaves and tree limbs. Paper, cardboard and untreated wood products can also be burned.
- Small cooking fires, recreational fires and warming fires not exceeding three (3) feet in diameter are allowed at night but must be extinguished and cold to touch upon leaving the fire site for the night.
- Bon fires may also be allowed at night with prior approval from the Fire District.

3. **OPEN BURNING RULES –**

- All open burning requires a minimum clearance of fifty (50) feet from any structure. **Some large piles may require greater clearances.** Please contact the Fire District for required clearances prior to burning. Recreational fires may not be within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material unless they are contained in a barbecue pit.
- 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. The fire must be completely out before you leave the site.**
- Burning of commercially processed logging slash may be allowed to be burned unattended and through the night with prior approval. Contact Fire District for approval and inspection of burn area.

4. **PROHIBITED BURNING –**

- Burning of construction debris by contractors and commercial trade waste is prohibited by the State of Idaho Department of Environmental Quality. Small warming fires of clean lumber only (no glued products) are allowed only if contained and shall be extinguished before leaving site.
- Hauling of debris from one property to another to burn is prohibited.
- Burn only clean untreated wood, clean paper and vegetation. Burning of trash, plastic, tires, garbage, pallets, animals, animal waste and other hazardous material is prohibited.

Failure to comply with burning requirements 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 is 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. You are responsible if your fire escapes your burn area.*
- **TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL BURN –**
 - *Keep burn pile free of dirt to allow for a complete 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 rules.*

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