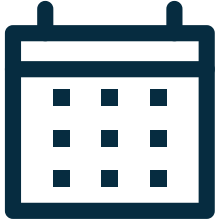


WHAT SHOULD I KNOW ABOUT BURNING REGULATIONS?

WHEN CAN I BURN?



Spring Open Burn Season
March 1 - May 31

Fall Open Burn Season
September 1 - October 31

Agricultural Burn Permits allow burning year-round.

Residential Burn Permits allow burning only during the burn seasons.

Burns must take place one hour after sunrise and must be **completely extinguished one hour before sunset.**

All burns are prohibited during an open burn ban. It is your responsibility to check current air quality conditions.

WHY IS BURNING REGULATED?



TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OF OUR RESIDENTS



TO REDUCE POLLUTION IN MESA COUNTY



OKAY TO BURN

AGRICULTURAL BURNS

Cover vegetation to prepare the land for crop production

Dry weeds

Orchard trimmings

Maintenance of irrigation ditches

RESIDENTIAL BURNS

Dry weeds

Dry garden waste

Clean, dry tree, shrub or brush trimmings less than one inch in diameter



DON'T BURN

Aerosol Cans

Chemicals

Commercial Landscape Waste

Construction Debris

Hazardous or Toxic Materials

Insulation

Motor Oil

Plastic

Tires

Trash

Treated Wood or Pallets

Tree Stumps

Burning in a barrel is PROHIBITED at all times.

WHAT TYPES OF PERMITS ARE OFFERED?



AGRICULTURAL

- No fee.
- Valid for a calendar year.
- Registering for this permit gives your local fire department a heads up that you'll be burning and is combined with fire safety regulations.



CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION

- City residents can apply for a burn permit through Mesa County Public Health.
- The burn season within city limits is one month shorter for spring and fall.

ALTERNATIVES TO BURNING

The Mesa County Organic Materials Composting Facility at Mesa County Solid Waste accepts organic materials. It is free for Mesa County residents.

- Hay
- Grass clippings
- Leaves
- Tree limbs
- Straw



RESIDENTIAL

- Residential permits cost \$25, and the money supports your local fire district.
- This permit is valid for both Spring and Fall Open Burn Seasons in a calendar year.
- Properties must be at least one acre in size to open burn. Properties smaller than one acre may burn to maintain irrigation ditch/lateral only.
- Daily limits for open burning are 10 acres per day for non-pile burning and less than 250 cubic feet per day for pile burning.
- Piles should be at least 300 feet apart, otherwise, they are considered one pile for burning.
- Piles should be 50 feet from any structures (including combustible fences).
- The permit outlines expectations and possible violation investigation and enforcement to protect the health and safety of Mesa County residents.

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