

Colorado Open Burning Information

Who needs an Open Burning Permit?

Anyone performing a non-exempted open burn in Colorado.

Who doesn't need an Open Burning Permit?

Campfires, non-commercial cooking fires and agricultural burning are exempted from open burn permitting. These burns are still subject to fire district and municipal fire rules.

What is agricultural burning?

Agricultural burning is the burning of water conveyance ditches and/or fields to prepare land for the planting of **COMMERCIAL CROPS**. Land zoned as "agricultural" does not automatically provide exemption from open burn permitting.

How do I apply for a permit?

If you wish to burn in the following counties, please contact the COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

-Boulder -Denver -El Paso -Jefferson -Lake -Las Animas -Mesa -Routt -Weld
-Broomfield -Eagle -Grand -Kiowa -Larimer -Huerfano -Pueblo -Summit

Those living in counties not listed above need to apply for a STATE open burning permit through CDPHE. *There is no fee for this permit.* See contact information below.

What materials may be burned?

Untreated, natural wood (sticks and branches), leaves, dry prairie grass, slash, weeds. All burns must be performed in open piles. *No burning in barrels or incinerators is allowed.*

What materials are not allowed to be burned?

Tree stumps, tires, chemicals, plastic, cut lumber, construction debris, trash. Burning of these materials produces pollution that is harmful to the environment and the health of you and your neighbors!

What happens if I burn without a permit?

Air Quality Control Commission Regulation 9 provides guidelines for open burning. Burning without a permit or burning of prohibited materials can lead to a sizable civil penalty of up to \$10,000 per day. (per C.R.S 25-7-123) **GET A PERMIT BEFORE YOU BURN!**

Before you burn

- Check with your local fire department regarding fire safety and municipal rules.
- Apply for an open burning permit with the local health department or CDPHE.

On the day of your Burn

- Inform your fire department that you plan on burning.
- Make sure the fire is out COLD before sundown.

Questions?

Contact the Air Pollution Control Division
cdpheAPopenburning@state.co.us – (303) 692-3268
<http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/ap/smoke/>



Colorado Department
of Public Health
and Environment

Remember: YOU DON'T ALWAYS HAVE TO BURN! Many materials can be given away, mulched, reused or recycled.



Glenwood Springs Fire Department Open Burn Requirements & Permit

101 W. 8th St. Glenwood Springs, CO 81601
Phone: (970) 384-6480 Fax (970) 945-8506



Fill in all known information

Property Owner _____
Address / Location of Burn _____
Date of Open Burning Requested _____

Contact Information

Name _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone (____) _____ Mobile (____) _____

This permit application is intended for agricultural or fire mitigation purposes. Persons wishing to conduct a recreational fire please refer to "Recreational Fires Within The Glenwood Springs Fire District" for guidance.

An inspection of the property prior to approval of the open burning permit is required. This inspection will verify compliance with the requirements for open burning. Inspections are conducted Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM. The applicant must be present for this inspection.

Please be prepared to conduct open burning per the **2015 International Fire Code requirements, State of Colorado open burning air quality regulations** and local guidelines. Where requirements vary, the more restrictive requirement shall be followed. General guidelines are:

Open Burning NOT allowed on Red Flag days as advised by dispatch.

Once the Open Burning Permit is accepted and the location of the burn is approved, the responsible person is required to:

- Contact Garfield County Emergency Communications (Dispatch) at **(970) 625-8095** prior to and upon completion of open burning. If burn requires more than one day, contact will be made with Dispatch each day.
- Open burning of rubbish, trash, paper products and construction debris is prohibited. Only untreated, natural wood, leaves, dry prairie grass, slash and weeds may be burned.
- Open burning shall be conducted during daylight hours only. All fires shall be fully extinguished at the completion of the burning operation. Open burning shall not be conducted and will be terminated when hazardous atmospheric conditions arise, including, but not limited to, cold fronts, red flag warnings, inversions, gusty or high winds.
- Maximum pile size is 6 feet in diameter and 4 feet in height. Open burning shall not be conducted or allowed to spread to within 50 feet of a structure or property line. This distance may be reduced to 25 feet if the pile size is reduced to 3 feet in diameter and two feet in height.
- A reliable and sufficient water source and/or fire extinguishing equipment approved by this Department is required. A responsible adult, knowledgeable and capable in the use of the fire extinguishing equipment and burn permit requirements, shall constantly attend open burning. The attendant shall supervise the burning material until it is extinguished. Telephone communication shall be present to enable the attendant to request fire department response should the fire get out of control.
- This permit shall be retained on site by the attendant and be shown on request to Fire Department official or law enforcement officer.
- Open burning will be terminated by order of the Fire Chief or his designee any time an offensive or hazardous condition is created for the surrounding property.
- Colorado State Air Quality permit required; obtain at https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/sites/default/files/AP_OB_PDF-Version.pdf BEFORE Fire Department site inspection.**

The conditions of this permit create no liability for the City of Glenwood Springs or the Glenwood Springs Rural Fire Protection District. The applicant agrees to conduct open burning within the conditions of this permit. **Per Colorado Statute, the applicant may be held liable for damage, cost of extinguishment and legal fees brought about by loss of control of his/her open burn.**

Applicant Signature _____

This permit is valid for 14 consecutive days. Renewal of an expired permit may be granted at the discretion of the Fire Chief, and may require another inspection of the site. **No open burning permits issued during high fire season.**

Submit Monday-Thursday to the Fire Marshal's Office at greg.bak@cogs.us, fax (970) 945-8506 or drop off at 806 Cooper Avenue, Glenwood Springs CO

Fire Department Comments: _____

FIRE DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

Date Received: _____ By: _____ Permit # _____

Permit Picked Up by: _____ Representing: _____

Inspector: _____

Date of Inspection: _____ Permit Approved _____ Permit Denied _____