

Spirit Lake Fire Protection District

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Website: www.spiritlakefire.com

2006 BURNING REGULATIONS

OUTSIDE CONTROLLED BURNING REQUIREMENTS

1. Before burning call 1-800-633-6247 *you may call 769-1422 as back up only*, for AIR QUALITY ADVISORY. GREEN means open burning is OK, if advisory indicates RED or YELLOW open burning is closed. **NOTE:** *If date indicated on message is different then date you are calling, please use advisory given. They will only update it when there is a change in Air Quality.*
2. Burning is allowed during **daylight hours only**. Small campfires for cooking food are allowed at night.
3. Burning of **construction debris** by contractors is **prohibited**.
4. Burning of **trash, plastic, tires, and garbage** is **prohibited**.
5. Logging slash piles and field burning must meet Idaho Department of Lands guideline. Permits are required from the Idaho Dept. of Lands from May 10th to October 20th (769-1577), (263-5104) (Sandpoint, Idaho). Burning of stumps is prohibited in populated areas.
6. **Your fire is your responsibility.** Fires must be tended by a responsible adult with adequate tools and equipment to control your fire (shovel, garden hose, etc).
7. All burning requires a clearance of fifty (50) feet from any residence or structure, and ten (10) feet from any combustibles.
8. Burning is allowed by property owners, legal occupants, and/or authorized individuals.
9. **BURNING DURING CLOSED BURNING SEASON IS PROHIBITED.**
10. Failure to comply with burning requirements may result in a misdemeanor citation and/or being charged for extinguishments cost.

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OPEN BURNING IDAHO AIR POLLUTION REGULATIONS

NOTE: In addition to the requirements contained in your burning permit, you must be aware of the air pollution regulations that apply too.

PROHIBITED FORMS OF BURNING: In Idaho it is illegal to open burn:

- Garbage
- Oil, grease, or asphalt
- Junk motor vehicles
- Commercial or industrial wast
- Wastes at mills
- Railroad ties
- Fence posts treated with any chemicals
- Rubber
- Dead animals
- Demolition debris
- Plastics
- Asphalt shingles
- Telephone poles

UNRESTRICTED FORMS OF OPEN BURNING: It is entirely legal to open burn at:

✱Barbeques ✱Ceremonies ✱Campfires ✱Fireplaces

RESTRICTED FORMS OF OPEN BURNING: The following types of open burning practices are sanctioned under Idaho law—**BUT THEY REQUIRE THAT CERTAIN CONDITIONS MUST BE PRESENT BEFORE THE BURN.** Specifically, they require that all burns must be performed only when the weather conditions are satisfactory for good smoke dissipation. The burner must assure ahead of time that any smoke he causes will rise up and away from neighbors, highways, and other populated areas. **Failure to make these determinations ahead of the burn can result in violation of Idaho law.**

Restricted forms of open burning include:

FIRE TRAINING: Only for organized fire fighting personnel.

WEED / FIREHAZARD CONTROL: Sanctioned only when no other alternative exists for removal.

DRY RURAL HOUSEHOLD WASTES: This type of burning is sanctioned providing no house to house garbage pick-up service is available. Also, there must be fewer than 100 homes within a ½ mile radius of the burn site.

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AGRICULTURE, LAND CLEARING, AND SLASH BURNING: This is a legal form of open burning **ONLY** when the material being burned has been grown on the immediate premises **AND** the burning has been shown to be necessary.

BURNING PERMITS: May 10th through October 20th each year is the normal period when a burning permit is required. These may be obtained from either a local Fire Chief or an Idaho Lands Warden. **(Note: these permits are required for the fire season only. THE AIR POLLUTION REGULATIONS, ON THE OTHER HAD, APPLY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR).**

QUESTIONS: Do you need additional information regarding air pollution requirements in Idaho? Gladly! **Please contact the following:**

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENT

Idaho Department of Health & Welfare

PO Box 608

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814

Phone: (208) 769-1422

Should you have any further questions about safe burning practices or regulations please call 623-5800 from the hours of 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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