

2008 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 waste
- Wastes at mills
- Railroad ties
- Rubber
- Dead animals
- Demolition debris
- Plastics
- Asphalt shingles
- Any type of treated wood

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.

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.

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BURNING PERMITS: May 10th through October 20th each year is the normal period when a burning permit is required, and these permits 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 HAND, APPLY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.**)

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

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
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.

ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR BURN BARRELS

- Barrels must be in good condition, up on noncombustible blocks and have a screen with ½" max mesh.
- There must be 10ft. clearance from any combustibles: including buildings, fence, weeds etc. There must be 5ft. clearance from noncombustible.
- Burning shall be conducted during **daylight hours only**. Fire must be totally out by dark. **THIS MEANS COLD TO THE TOUCH.**
- Fire must be attended at all times.
- Attendant must have a hose connected to a water supply and/or a shovel readily available at all times.
- Fire Officials are authorized to require that burning be immediately discontinued if smoke emissions are offensive to occupants or surrounding property.
- **ITEMS THAT CAN BE BURNED:** Wood products, cardboard, paper, dry pine needles, dry lawn clippings and dry garden waste.

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- **ITEMS THAT CANNOT BE BURNED:** Any type of plastics, rubber products, paint and paint cans, fiberglass products, carpeting, furniture, stumps, household garbage or any other noncombustible items.

If any of the above rules are violated, this permit will be revoked immediately and you may be issued a citation for illegal burning. You may also be charged for manpower and equipment if the fire has to be extinguished.

Call this number 1-800-633-6247 each day before burning. The Department of Environmental Quality now updates this message every afternoon after 4:00 p.m. for the next day.

Any questions, contact Spirit Lake Fire Protection District at 208-623-5800.

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Thank you for your cooperation.

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