

# OPEN BURNING PERMIT INFORMATION

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## On-line burn permit covers

### Mesa County and Garfield County for De Beque Fire District

- An open burning permit is granted pursuant to 32-1-1002, C.R.S., and Article 1, Section 307 2009 IFC as amended. The Colorado Air Quality Control Act 25-7-123., C.R.S. Colorado Air Quality Control Commission, Regulation 9 and 5 CCR 1001-11.
- Permit shall be retained on the site by the person supervising the burning and shall be shown upon request to any Local Fire Department Official or Local Law Enforcement Officer.
- Failure to comply with any of the above mentioned statutes, ordinances, rules or regulations may result in making this permit null and void and the penalties therein shall be in force. Omission by name or number of any other relevant statute, ordinance, code, rule or regulation from this permit does not relieve the applicant's responsibility of compliance with the same.
- Applicant shall be responsible for compliance with any additional fire protection and safety requirements of the appropriate fire district.
- Permit is valid for 7 consecutive days from the date of issuance. If this permit expires before burning is accomplished due to any reason, a new permit must be obtained.
- Permit shall be revoked if a fire is not fully extinguished at the end of each day's burning.
- **Applicant assumes responsibility for liabilities and/or relation to any damages, cost of extinguishment, and legal fees which may result from a fire getting out of control or a violation of any of the foregoing conditions.**

#### Permitted burning

- Burn tree slash or brush and may also need an Air Quality Permit for this type of burn. Agricultural burning is allowed only to prepare soil for crop production, weed control, ditch clearing and other agricultural cultivation purposes.
- Fires used for non-commercial cooking and fires used for instructional, training or recreational and religious purposes are exempt from permit requirements. With a limit to the size of the fire to 3 ft X 3 ft X 2ft tall (Garfield County addresses).
- Wildland fuel reduction or other burns that may require additional review or permits not covered under this permit. Contact the Fire District at 970-283-8632.

#### Prohibited burning

- Burning rubber, plastic, treated or laminated wood, construction waste, chemicals, household garbage or other material that may result in emission of hazardous or toxic fumes is prohibited.

#### Mandatory safety precautions

- No burning shall be allowed during red flag warnings or critical fire watches (declared by the national weather service). If either is declared, while the burn is in progress all burns shall be immediately extinguished. Burning restrictions or bans may be implemented on a daily basis for reasons including but not limited to weather conditions, resource availability, dangerous burn indexes and high wind conditions. Call before you burn!
- Slash piles to be burned may not be more than eight (8) feet in diameter and must be no closer than fifty (50) feet to the nearest combustibles or structures.

- Burning shall be supervised by one or more responsible persons. The person responsible for the fire shall be able to visually observe the entire burn area at all times during burning operations. If the volume of material to be burned is such that more than one fire is necessary. **Each fire shall have at least one person in attendance at all times.**
- A method to extinguish any fire shall be present throughout all burning operations. Although adequate water is preferred, other items including fire extinguishers, hand tools, dirt or sand may be provided in quantities that are adequate to extinguish any fire that could be anticipated during the period of the burn.
- Burning shall be permitted during daylight hours only and although not required, it is strongly recommended the burning operations be completed by late morning each day.
- All fires must be completely extinguished a minimum of one-half hour before sunset.

### **Agricultural**

Active "for profit" farmers and ranchers are exempt from the requirement to obtain an open burning permit in the State of Colorado. This exemption applies only to farmers and ranchers of agricultural lands who are producing agricultural products that originate from the land's productivity for the primary purpose of obtaining a monetary profit. Agricultural products are plant and animal products derived from farming, ranching, animal husbandry, and horticulture. Specifically, the land owners property tax will include the agricultural reduction in taxable value. State tax code defines agricultural land as:

"A parcel of land, whether located in an incorporated or unincorporated area and despite the uses for which such land is zoned, which was used the previous two years and presently is used as a farm or ranch, and the gross income resulting from such use equals or exceeds one-third of the total gross income resulting from all uses of the land during any given property tax year."

### **Restricted Materials**

Open burning of the following materials is prohibited:

- Residential household trash
- Leaf or grass clipping piles
- Commercial and industrial waste
- Rubber, plastics, tires, insulation, or similar dense or toxic smoke producing materials

Remember, if it doesn't constitute annual vegetative growth, it probably shouldn't be burned!

## **Mesa County**

### **Spring Burning Season**

March 1 - May 31

### **Fall Burning Season**

Sept. 1 - Oct. 31

## **Garfield County**

No burn permits will be issued between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

For additional information contact

De Beque Fire Protection District

970-283-8632

**For medical or Fire emergencies dial 911**