



Spirit Lake Fire District Burning Regulations

Please obtain a new copy of the burning regulations each burning season. Changes may be made to the burning regulations from year to year; and you are responsible for understanding these changes. These outside controlled burning requirements must be on site while burning.

BURNING MAY BE CLOSED DURING CERTAIN TIMES OF THE YEAR BY IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF LANDS, THE FIRE DISTRICT, OR IDAHO DEQ BASED ON HAZARDOUS FIRE CONDITIONS OR POOR AIR QUALITY.

AIR QUALITY ADVISORY HOTLINE: Each day you burn, call 1-800-633-6247. If advisory indicates **RED** or **YELLOW**, burning is closed, which is considered a burn ban.

BURN PERMITS ARE ISSUED THROUGH THE IDAHO DEPT OF LANDS (IDL) AND REQUIRED MAY 10 THROUGH OCTOBER 20

- Burning outside of city limits, burning of logging slash piles, and/or field burning must meet Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) guidelines.
- Free burn permits can be obtained by going to www.burnpermits.idaho.gov and are valid for ten days. The permit can be renewed on the IDL burn permit website.

OPEN BURNING RULES

- All open burning requires a clearance of 50 feet from any structure. Small piles (3 feet in diameter or less and no higher than 2 feet) can be 25 feet from a structure. Cooking fire and bonfires may not be within 25 feet of a structure or combustible materials unless they are contained in a barbecue pit.
- Fires must be attended at all times and must be completely extinguished before you leave the site.

PROHIBITED BURNING

- Burning during extreme fire danger, a burn ban, or closed burning season is strictly prohibited, even if the air quality hotline indicates a green burning day.
- Burning of construction debris and commercial or industrial trade waste is prohibited.
- Burning of trash, plastic, tires, garbage, pallets, and other hazardous material is prohibited.
- Hauling of debris from one property to another to burn is prohibited.

Failure to comply with burning requirements may result in a misdemeanor citation and/or being charged with extinguishment costs.

OTHER SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SAFE BURNING

- Fire Breaks. It is highly recommended that you have an area 10-foot-wide around the fire that is cleared down to mineral soil and that no trees or vegetation are in close proximity to your fire area.
- Wind and Fire Danger. Check the fire danger each day before you burn. Do not burn during windy conditions. You are responsible if your fire escapes your burn area.

TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL BURN

- Keep burn pile free of dirt to allow for a complete burn.
- Start fire small and feed it as it burns down.
- Be aware of how topography (slope) will affect the fire's behavior.
- Check weather forecast, air quality and fire danger level before burning.
- Follow all open burning rules.