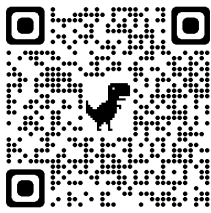




# Careless burning can cause a WILDFIRE!

## HOW

<https://app.egovmt.com/burnpermit/>



A permit is required to burn in Missoula County. Visit your local fire department or scan the QR code to purchase, renew, or activate your permit.

Keep a fire extinguisher, shovel, and water nearby. Be ready to put out your fire!

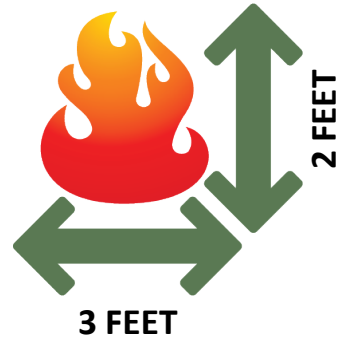


Never leave a burn pile unattended.

Clear all flammable material and vegetation down to mineral soil within at least 15 feet of your burn pile.



Small burn piles are easier to control and less likely to escape.



## WHAT



Do not burn garbage, carpet, insulation or construction debris.



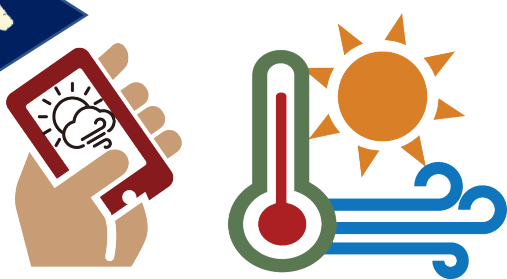
Avoid using gas or kerosene on your burn pile.

Natural vegetation and untreated wood. See reverse side for limitations within and around the City of Missoula.



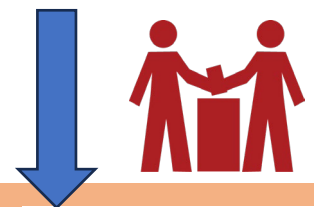
## WHEN

Continually check the weather and postpone burning if it is hot, dry or windy.



Check [www.mtfireinfo.org](http://www.mtfireinfo.org) for any fire restrictions in effect and [www.MCFPA.org](http://www.MCFPA.org) for the current fire danger rating in Missoula County.

**ACTIVATE YOUR PERMIT BEFORE YOU BURN!** Your permit should be activated for every day and location that you burn. If you are not allowed to activate your permit, then do not burn.



Call 911 to report a wildfire.



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**General Outdoor Burning Season: March 1 – August 31 (may close due to fire danger)**

Burning of yard waste (natural vegetation and untreated wood) only. Wood that has been painted, stained, or weather-proofed cannot be legally burned. Burning garbage and man-made materials is prohibited year-round, throughout the state.

Leaves and grass may NOT be burned in the *Air Stagnation Zone* that includes the City of Missoula and extends 4.5 miles beyond the Missoula City limits. This includes Lolo, Bonner, and the Wye. Within Missoula City limits, residents must own one acre of land or more to burn yard waste (no leaves or grass) and may require a site visit by Missoula Fire Department to inspect the area and material you wish to burn as part of the permit issuing process.

**Essential Agriculture Outdoor Burning Season: March 1 – October 31 (may close due to fire danger)**

Conducted on a farm or ranch to reduce excess vegetation or improve range or habitat. Should only be conducted when there is no reasonable alternative.

**Prescribed Wildland Burning Season: March 1 – November 30 (may close due to fire danger)**

Planned and conducted on forested land or undeveloped range land to improve habitat or range conditions, promote forest health, or reduce fire hazards.

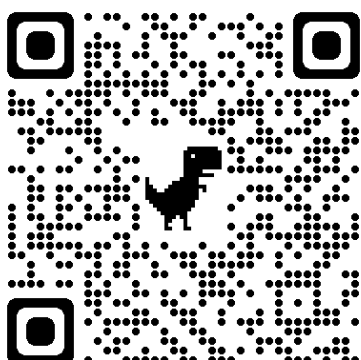
**Essential Prescribed Wildland Outdoor Burning: December – February**

Please visit <https://www.missoulacounty.us/government/health/health-department/home-environment/air-quality/outdoor-burning> for eligibility criteria. Certification is required and proposed burn must be outside of the Missoula *Air Stagnation Zone*.

**Burning Requirements**

- ✓ A permit is required to burn in Missoula County! Visit <https://app.egovmt.com/burnpermit/> (QR code below) to purchase, renew, or activate your permit.
- ✓ Activate your permit each day that you plan to burn and for each location. You will not be able to activate if burning is restricted for the day.
- ✓ Burning is recommended only between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- ✓ Never leave a fire unattended and always have water and tools nearby.
- ✓ Have a valid copy of your permit with you when burning.
- ✓ Always properly extinguish your fire when burning is complete—drown with water, stir, then feel. If it is too hot to touch, then it is too hot to leave!

More information on outdoor burning in Missoula County:



[https://mctpa.org/burn\\_permits.htm](https://mctpa.org/burn_permits.htm)

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**BURN PERMIT CATEGORIES**

Spring | Fall

<b>GENERAL BURNING</b> Homeowners Can Burn Yard Waste	
<b>ESSENTIAL AGRICULTURE</b> Landowners Can Burn for Agricultural Best Practices	
<b>PRESCRIBED WILDLAND</b> Landowners Can Burn to Reduce Wildfire Hazards & Improve Ecosystems	

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