

# OPEN BURNING INFORMATION

Open Burning is allowed **WITH A PERMIT** between March 1st and November 30th. Burn Permits for Broadwater, Cascade, Flathead, Gallatin, Lewis & Clark and Madison counties may be purchased online using a debit/credit card or an electronic check (eCheck) at [www.burnpermits.mt.gov](http://www.burnpermits.mt.gov).

Permit holders are required to activate their permit each time they burn either online at [www.burnpermits.mt.gov](http://www.burnpermits.mt.gov) or by calling the county's automated phone system at 1-877-306-2876. An interactive map is also available to allow citizens and county personnel to view all current burn activity within the county. Permit holders are required to follow **SPECIFIC GUIDELINES** when burning as well as taking necessary safety measures to contain the burn.

If Big Sky Fire Department is dispatched to a burn that is out of control, has moved to someone else's property, and find that the person burning does **NOT** have a permit or burning **ILLEGAL** substances, law enforcement will be contacted.

On **Red Flag Warning** days all burning will be suspended within the BSFD District.

The following materials are **PROHIBITED** for open burning by ARM 17.8.604:

- Any waste which is moved from the premises where it was generated
- Food wastes
- Animal droppings
- Treated lumber
- Styrofoam
- Plastics
- Dead animals or animal parts
- Pathogenic wastes
- Hazardous wastes
- Materials resulting from salvage operations
- Automobile or aircraft bodies and interiors
- Wood and wood byproducts that have been coated, painted, stained, treated, or contaminated by a foreign material
- Insulated wire
- Oil and petroleum products
- Standing or demolished structures containing prohibited material
- Wastes generating noxious odors
- Poultry litter
- Tires
- Rubber materials
- Tar paper
- Chemicals
- Asphalt shingles
- Asbestos or asbestos-containing material
- Trade wastes
- Christmas tree waste
- Paint

## **Open Burning Allowed WITHOUT A PERMIT**

**A. Recreation and heating fires:** small recreational fires in controlled areas and construction heating devices.

**B. Burn barrels:** Burn barrels are a metal barrel of less than 60 gallons with a screen covering the top, at least 10 feet from all flammable material. No material may be burned in a burn barrel that is prohibited under state law. [SEE LIST ABOVE]

## **Smoke Monitoring Unit**

Burn Restrictions Link: <http://smokemu.org/restrictions.php> (note region 8A)

## **Red Flag Warning**

Red Flag Warning Link: <http://www.wr.noaa.gov/tfx/>