



Open Fire Control Permit

2012

No. D _____

Date of Burn: _____

Instructions: Complete the application portion of the permit. Submit form using one of the following methods.

- in person between 9 am to 4 pm or mail at: 104 Sheppard Drive, Durango, Colorado 81303,
- fax to 970-382-6028 or e-mail with electronic signature to DFRAFPB@durangofirerescue.org

Applicant Information:

Address of Burn: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____ FAX _____

Information Regarding Burn:

Proximity in Feet to Structures: _____

Purpose of Burn: _____

Type of Material to be Burned: _____

Size of Area/Material to be Burned: _____

Piles should be limited to 4' x 4', material can be added as the pile decreases in size

Proposed Starting Date: _____ Completion Date: _____

Additional Requests and Information: _____

Contact the local dispatch 970-385-2900 prior to lighting the burn each day of the permit.

Any person who knowingly or willingly fails to obtain a required Open Fire Control Permit and/or **violates** any of the **Rules or Regulations for the Open Fire Control Permit System** shall be subject to the provisions of Section 107 of the "International Fire Code" as adopted by La Plata County.

Permit Holder: _____ (Signature) Date: _____

For Official Use Only:

Approved: ____ Not Approved: ____ Fire Service Signature _____ Date: _____

The following is a summary of the Open Fire Control Permit Requirements

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE TO UNDERSTAND THE FULL PROGRAM RULES AND REGULATIONS

Goals of the Permitting System

- To educate the public regarding how to safely use fire as a tool to dispose of unwanted slash or approved debris thereby reducing the potential for property damage and injuries.
- To assist in the reduction of hazard fuels on private, State and Federal properties which would be beneficial to the safety of the general public by reducing the threat of unwanted wildfires.
- To reduce the number of false or nuisance calls related to open burning.
- To reduce the number of "Out of Control" burns in La Plata County.

Regulations

- * The location for open burning shall not be less than 50 feet (unless it is pre-approved) from any structure. Provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading to within 50 feet of any structure.
- * Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet of any structure or combustible material.
- * The open burn permit is a legal document that conditionally authorizes a person to burn at a time, place and method specified on the permit. The issuing Fire Department and the employee(s) or agents thereof, do not assume any responsibility for any damage to the person or property of the permittee, or the person or property of any third person burning or assisting in the burning.
- * A person holding a burn permit assumes the risks associated with a burn and is not relieved of any liability for injuries to persons or property resulting from the burn. The person conducting the burning shall have knowledge of safe burning conditions, including consideration of and the availability of specific permit limitations concerning temperature, humidity, snow cover, wind conditions, fuel type, moisture content, slope, and the above mentioned setbacks from any structures.
- * Prior to commencing any burn, the permittee must call their local Dispatch Center (as set forth below) and inquire whether or not it is an approved day to burn as determined by the Authority having jurisdiction or RED FLAG conditions exist. No burning will be allowed during any day where the Authority having jurisdiction determines it is unsafe to do so or on a RED FLAG day. Any fire started when authorization has not been provided or on a RED FLAG day will be extinguished and those persons responsible for the unauthorized burning will be subject to penalties as set forth in County Ordinances.
- * Anyone who sets a fire under an issued permit must:
 - A. keep the signed permit at the fire;
 - B. produce and show the permit to any fire or law enforcement officer or member upon request;
 - C. keep the fire under control;
 - D. not leave the burn unattended;
 - E. keep hand tools, water and/or an extinguisher on site and readily available to control the burn;
 - F. extinguish the fire before expiration or upon cancellation of the permit, or obtain a renewal;
 - G. obtain a weather report; no burning should occur when local wind speeds may cause the fire to go out of control;
 - H. exercise reasonable caution;
 - I. attempt to complete the burn prior to the arrival of the late morning or early afternoon winds. In those cases where it is safe to burn all day, the fire must be extinguished prior to dusk. Not allow burning after dusk will minimize the impact of the smoke upon neighbors and the community.
 - J. Burn only approved material (items such as tires, refrigerators, oil, etc. are not approved).
 - K. Piles should be limited to 4' x 4', material can be added as the pile decreases in size.

Cancellation or Suspension of a Permit

The Fire Department may specify any fire control conditions for the safety of the residences and surrounding properties. If smoke emissions are determined to be offensive to the surrounding property (ies) or becomes a hazardous situation, then burning shall be discontinued. The applicable Fire Chief or Fire Marshall, may suspend or cancel all permits in their jurisdiction or prohibit the lighting of fires in any part of their jurisdiction. Upon cancellation of a permit the permittee must immediately extinguish the fire.

Submit Application