

## RECREATIONAL/COOKING FIRE REGULATIONS

(No Fee or Permit Required)

### Before you burn:



Each day that you burn, call the DEQ (Department of Air Quality) at 1-800-633-6247 option 3# or view their website at [www.deq.idaho.gov/air/AQindex.cfm?sitenum=2](http://www.deq.idaho.gov/air/AQindex.cfm?sitenum=2) for air quality conditions. You can only burn if the conditions are GREEN. DO NOT burn if the conditions are YELLOW or RED.

### I. GENERAL OUTDOOR BURNING REGULATIONS

1. Recreational fires can either be in a store purchased, heat resistant, bowl on frame, patio fire pit or patio fire stove; or can be a ground fire pit. Ground fire pits must be ringed with stone, brick or a steel fire ring. Pit should be dug out approximately 4 inches and back filled approximately 2 inches with sand. Pit can be no larger than 3 feet in diameter. A minimum of 3 feet around pit must be cleared of all combustible or flammable materials (weeds, trees, fences, structures, etc.)
2. Recreational and Cooking Fires are permitted during night time hours.
3. Fire must be approachable at all times.
4. All fires must be attended at all times and put out prior to leaving. This means cold to the touch.
5. If burning on the shore, fire must be built ABOVE the high water mark.
6. Attendant must have a hose connected to a water supply, and/or a shovel on scene at all times.
7. Fire Officials are authorized to require that burning be discontinued if smoke emissions are offensive to occupants of surrounding properties.

### II. EXAMPLES OF ITEMS THAT CAN AND CANNOT BE BURNED

#### YES

- Untreated wood products  
(This is not meant to be for yard waste clean-up)

#### NO

- Treated wood products
- Plastics
- Rubber products
- Paint & paint cans
- Fiberglass products
- Carpeting & pads
- Pallets
- Furniture
- Stumps (roots)
- Household garbage
- Trade waste \*
- Non-combustible items

\*Trade waste includes any products generated from a business (ie: construction waste, nursery/landscaping waste, etc.)

If any of the above rules are violated, your burning privileges will be revoked immediately and you may be charged for manpower and equipment for responding to an illegal burn.

**Any questions, contact Kootenai County Fire & Rescue at (208) 777-8500.**