

RECREATIONAL/COOKING FIRE REGULATIONS

(No 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 <http://www.deq.idaho.gov/air-quality/monitoring/daily-reports-and-forecasts.aspx> (be sure to change the location to Kootenai County Area) 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 stove 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 10 feet around pit shall be maintained free of grass, shrubbery, weeds, vegetation, and any other combustible material, including overhanging limbs from trees. Fires shall not be within twenty-five (25) feet of a structure.
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 staffing and equipment for responding to an illegal burn.

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