

PARK COUNTY RURAL FIRE DISTRICT #1

WANTS YOU TO BE SAFE AND LEGAL WHILE BURNING THIS YEAR!!

Open burning of NON-prohibited materials: March 1 through August 31; only a local (Park County) burn permit required for approved materials. CALL 222-2050 prior to ignition.

Restricted burning of NON- prohibited materials: September 1 through November 30; local permit required and you MUST call Montana State Department of Environmental Quality Air Resources Management Bureau (DEQ) at 1-800-225-6779 for recorded message on Air Quality for that day (ARM 17.8.606(3)). CALL 222-2050 prior to ignition.

Closed burning of NON-prohibited materials: December 1 through February 28; No Burning without special permission from DEQ (call 1-800-228-6779, ARM 17.8.606(4)). If special permission is granted then CALL 222-2050 prior to ignition.

Recreational fires 48 inches or less at the base: Open all year unless other restrictions are in place locally or State wide.

FAQs:

Q: What items can I burn in the open? A: Organic material such as grass, trees limbs, hay/straw, sage, and untreated lumber.

Q: What can't I burn? A: Air Quality provides a list of items not allowed to be burned in open burning. You can find this list in the Administrative Rules of Montana 17.8.604. This list is available on line (www.mt.deq.gov, **Click on the "Air Quality" link, "Open Burning Permits" Link, and the "ARM Title 17 Section 8" link**) or at Station #1 located at 304 East Park Street.

Q: What do I need to do to burn legally? A: You MUST have a local burn permit issued for the current calendar year. You MUST call 222-2050 before you start burning. You NEVER leave the fire unattended. You MUST read your burn permit front and back. You MUST be able to extinguish your fire quickly.

Q: What do I do if the fire gets out of my control? A: Call 911 immediately. Even if you might be able to contain the fire call 911 right away so that the Fire Department can respond quickly.

REMEMBER: You are responsible for your fire even if the burn is legal. You can be held liable for any damages to people or property if your fire escapes your control. Fire is one of nature's ways of cleaning up. But when people and property are involved extra precautions need to be taken to ensure life and property protection and safety. Check the current weather- especially wind conditions- often. You can track the weather at weather.gov/billings or mobile.weather.gov on your smart phone.

If you have any questions please call Dann Babcox, Fire Chief for Park County Rural Fire District #1 @ 222-0562