



Permits Available Online 24/7 at: www.burnpermits.mt.gov

100% User Supported at \$7.00/permit - unlimited use.

Park County
**Burn Permit and
Notification Service**

How Do I

How Do I purchase a burn permit in person?

The County Burn Permit Service allows citizens to purchase and activate burn permits for valid addresses within the county. You may also purchase a burn permit in person with cash or check at the following locations:

Park County Rural Fire District #1 Station #1

304 E. Park Street

Livingston, MT 59047

Permits available M-F 8:00a to 1:00p

City - County Complex

414 E. Callender St.

Livingston, MT 59047

- Disaster & Emergency Services (DES) Office
- Accounting Office
- Clerk and Recorder's Office

Permits not always available in all offices. If you prefer an appointment, call (406)

222-4188.

* All payments at the City - County Complex are made to the Treasurer's Office.

How do I know whether or not I can burn today?

When burning is prohibited in the county or within your fire district both the website and the automated phone system will prevent you from activating your permit. Both systems will also provide the reasoning as to why burning is prohibited for the day.

How do I add a burn location to my burn permit that does not have a valid address as recognized by Park County?

To add a burn location that does not have a valid address as recognized by Park County, you will need to enter the latitude and longitude of your burn location. [How to identify the latitude and longitude of a burn location.](#)

How do I activate my burn permit?

You can activate your burn permit online using this website or by calling the automated phone activation system at 1-877-281-5416.

Important

Your burn permit **must** be activated each **individual day** you burn.

How do I edit the start and stop times of my burn or cancel my burn entirely if I decide not to burn?

From the Main Menu of the service, select the "Activate an Existing Burn Permit"

option and enter your burn permit number. All of your active burns for today will be listed and you may select either to "Edit Burn Times" or "Cancel Burn".

What responsibilities am I assuming when I light my burn?

1. Fires shall not be ignited when weather, wind and other conditions make it hazardous to do so.
2. You must have enough water, hand tools/equipment, and people to keep your fire under control.
3. If you do not activate your permit before burning, the Fire Department may be dispatched to your fire even though it is under control, and you will be cited.
4. Burn permit must be accessible at the burn location.
5. Someone must remain with the fire until it is completely out. (No smoke or hot embers present)
6. Permission to burn may be revoked at anytime, due to weather conditions.

What can I legally burn?

1. Natural vegetation is the **ONLY** thing that your burn permit allows you to burn.
2. You are not allowed to burn prohibited materials as outlined in the Montana Department of Environmental Quality's air quality regulations found at ARM 17.8.604. This includes, but is not limited to buildings, asphalt shingles, campers, garbage, railroad ties, plastic products, paper products, cardboard, manure, dead animals, etc.

What are the consequences of letting my burn get out of control?

- MCA 7-33-2205 & 2206 deal with the fire seasons and permit requirements. Violations under those codes are a misdemeanor with fines possible up to \$500 and/or 6 months in jail.
- If a person burns in a manner that is unsafe, damages property belonging to another, or places anyone in danger of injury or death, the Arson laws apply. Negligent arson, MCA 45-6-102, can be either a misdemeanor or felony, depending on the circumstances. Misdemeanor charges can cost up to \$500 and/or up to 6 months in jail. Felony charges can cost up to \$50,000 and/or up to 10 years in prison.
- In all cases, restitution can be ordered separately from the criminal fine. Restitution may include but are not limited to paying damages to other property owners and paying for the firefighting resources.

Who can I contact if I have any questions about my burn permit?

You may contact the County Fire Warden at (406)-222-4188 with questions regarding your burn permit. You may also contact your local fire department with any questions regarding your burn permit or burning within Park County.