

## OPEN BURNING PERMIT APPLICATION

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**ATTENTION:** Jefferson County Public Health (JCPH) ONLY issues open burning permits for wildfire prevention through fuel reduction activities, which are forest management/broadcast burns for wildfire mitigation occurring at locations at 6,400 feet or above. Please regard the following:

- Forest management burns consist of tree slash piles of woody material, no larger than 8'x8'x8' with all tree limbs/branches six inches or less in diameter. These burns are generally associated with insect/disease control and wildfire prevention. No more than 50 piles may be burned for the life of the permit.
- Broadcast burns are the controlled application of fire to wildland fuels over a predetermined area comprising no more than 10 acres of grass or 5 acres of other vegetation. These burns do NOT include wildland fuels that have been concentrated in piles by manual or mechanical methods.

All permits are approved based on the materials to be burned, the potential contribution to air pollution, the potential impact from smoke on the health and welfare of the public, and if a practical alternative for the disposal of the material is available. Burns greater than the allowed limits are required to obtain a state prescribed fire permit via the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE).

- Any business or resident wishing to conduct an open burn must comply with state open burn regulations, in addition to any local ordinances or regulations.
- Burning of tree stumps, trash, garbage, construction debris, hazardous materials, leaves or lawn clippings, food waste, and other man-made materials is **NOT** permitted in Jefferson County at any time.
- All slash burns **MUST** be performed in open piles. Burning in barrels or incinerators is **NOT** allowed.
- **Please consider opportunities to dispose of tree slash without burning.** Please visit the Jefferson County Slash Collection website at <https://www.jeffco.us/2493/Slash-Collection> for complete information.

**\*\*\* Any person who violates the Colorado Air Pollution Prevention and Control Act, its implementing regulations or any permit issued thereunder may be issued an order for compliance that can include permit revocation and assessment of penalties of up to \$15,000 per day of such violation in accordance with § 25-7-122, C.R.S.\*\*\***

**Please note:** In coordination with the Jefferson County Sherriff's Office, JCPH will not issue any open burn permits during a Fire Restriction (Stage 1) or a Fire Ban (Stage 2), as open burning is not permissible during Jefferson County fire restrictions or bans (IFC 105.6.30).

Once the application is complete, you can bring in a printed copy, email or mail your application and any other required information (See FEE page 2) to:

Jefferson County Public Health  
645 Parfet Street.  
Lakewood, CO 80215

Phone: 303.232.6301  
Fax: 303.271.5760  
Email: [PublicHealthAirQuality@jeffco.us](mailto:PublicHealthAirQuality@jeffco.us)

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ALL FIELDS ON THIS FORM ARE REQUIRED. ANY ITEMS LEFT BLANK WILL RESULT IN A DELAY IN PROCESSING.

Today's Date

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** (Applicant/Landowner)

Full Name

Person Conducting Burn

Burn Location

Elevation of Burn (can be obtained at <http://veloroutes.org/elevation/>) \_\_\_\_\_ feet

Mailing Address

Phone Number (primary)

Phone Number (other)

Email

**PROPOSED BURN INFORMATION:**

Planned # of slash piles to be burned (slash) **OR** # \_\_\_\_\_ slash piles

# of acres (wildland) # \_\_\_\_\_ acres

Proposed Starting Date

Proposed Completion Date

List your Fire Protection District

\*Always Observe Fire Safety Guidelines\*

\*\*\*The permittee is responsible for obtaining any applicable permits and/or clearances from any appropriate fire control office, local agency or other official to ensure compliance with fire and safety guidelines\*\*\*

**Your Fire Protection District (FPD) requires a minimum snow cover of 4 inches and winds below 15mph on the day you burn.** Please contact your FPD for more information.

**Attention:** Any person who, without lawful authority and knowingly, recklessly, or with criminal negligence, sets on fire, or causes to be set on fire, any woods, prairie, or grounds of any description, other than his or her own, or who, knowingly, recklessly, or with criminal negligence, permits a fire, set or caused to be set by such person, to pass from his or her own grounds to the injury of any other person commits a class 2 misdemeanor and will be assessed a fine in accordance with § 18-13-109, C.R.S.\*\*\*

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## APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

- Slash pile(s) are situated on bare ground or sparse grass, at a safe distance from any trees, structures or roads, and are not built under overhead utilities.
- All tree limbs/branches in the pile are 6" or less in diameter.
- The fuels intended to burn are clean and dry. All unapproved materials are not present.

## REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS:

- Clear photo documentation of pile(s) to be burned (representative pile).
- **FEE:** \$80.00 – You can bring in or enclose a check or money order payable to “Jefferson County Treasurer.” Credit cards are accepted in person, or payment can be made over the phone by calling our Environmental Health Division at 303.232.6301. Cash is accepted in person only. This fee is NONREFUNDABLE and does not guarantee the issuance of a burning permit.

## DECLARATION:

Please initial the line next to each statement below to certify that it is true and correct to the best of your knowledge:

- \_\_\_\_\_ My burn is intended for hazard fuel reduction/wildfire management.
- \_\_\_\_\_ My burn does not contain tree stumps, trash, garbage, construction debris, treated or painted lumber, hazardous materials, leaves or lawn clippings, food waste, and other man-made materials.
- \_\_\_\_\_ All tree limbs/branches in my pile(s) are 6" or less in diameter.
- \_\_\_\_\_ All slash piles I will burn are no larger than 8'x8'x8'.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The fuels I intend to burn are clean and dry.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have obtained any applicable clearance from, and will follow fire safety guidelines of any appropriate fire control office, local agency or other official.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have considered disposing of my material in some other manner besides burning it. It is not practical or possible for me to do so because:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that the information provided in this application is true and correct and that there is no other reasonable means of disposing of the material proposed for burning. I also state that if the permit is approved, I shall abide by all permit requirements, including those of the local Fire Protection District while conducting the proposed burning activity.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Please allow 10 to 15 working days from the time the application is submitted to the issuance of a permit. When issued, the permit will be e-mailed to the applicant.**

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## MAP TO PROPERTY:

Please draw a detailed driving map to the burn site for the field inspectors. **Please include information of where burn piles can be located on your property.** If the property is in a security or gated area, please indicate the code below or provide other instructions for entry.

**SECURITY GATE CODE  
(if applicable)**