

WELD COUNTY BURN PERMIT PROGRAM

Do I need a burn permit for a recreational burn or bonfire? Recreational burns require a “Special Recreational Burn Permit” issued by the Frederick-Firestone Fire Protection District Fire Marshal. Each event will be reviewed and approved on a case by case basis. Weld County Department of Public Health does allow one bonfire a year, per Weld County address. A Weld County Burn permit will be issued only for the day of the event.

Who can openly burn? Weld County allows citizens in the unincorporated areas of the county to burn agricultural ditches and fields as long as you have an approved Burn Permit. Anyone can request a Burn Permit. This does not include yard waste such as tree limbs, grass clippings or tree leaves.

Where can I get a Burn Permit? Burn Permit applications for open burning can be obtained at your local fire department or fire district headquarters or at the Weld County Offices in Greeley or Del Camino.

Can I openly burn in the Town of Frederick or the Town of Firestone? The Town of Frederick and the Town of Firestone do not allow open burning in the city limits. The only burning allowed is for ditches used for irrigation purposes. No other burning of material including yard waste, trash or other debris is allowed.

How long is the burn permit valid? Burn permits are valid for a maximum of two weeks from the issue date. Remember to call your local fire department and Weld County Dispatch Center on the actual day you are planning to burn even if you have a valid permit.

How much does the Burn Permit cost? There is no cost for the Burn Permit.

What hours can I burn? Burning can begin two hours after sunrise, and must be completed no later than two hours before sunset.

Can I burn on RED AIR ALERT DAYS? All open burns are canceled on these alert days, as well as when burning bans are posted.

Other things to remember: Burning is not permitted when local wind speed exceeds five miles per hour, and all open burning needs to be attended by an adult. Any burn permit can be canceled at anytime by your local fire department or fire district.

For more information contact the Weld County Department of Public Health at 1-970-304-6410 or: http://www.co.weld.co.us/departments/health/environmental/airquality/health_airquality_regs.html