

PAGOSA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
OPEN BURNING FIRE PERMIT APPLICATION, REQUIREMENTS & AGREEMENT

An open burning fire permit is required for all open burning conducted within the boundaries of the Pagosa Fire Protection District. To apply for an Open Burning Fire Permit, you must complete the Application and Agreement which follow.

**PERMIT REQUIREMENTS & RESTRICTIONS**

1. **General.** Open burning shall be conducted in accordance with Sec. 307 of the 2009 International Fire Code.
2. **Notification.** You must notify County Dispatch at 731-2160 immediately before burning.
3. **Restrictions.** Open burning shall only be allowed during the hours between sunrise and sunset and when atmospheric conditions comply within the set limits. **Absolutely no burning after dark.**
4. **Location.** Open burning shall not be conducted within 50 feet of any structure, propane tank or other sources of flammables or fuels. Conditions that could cause the fire to spread within 50 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition. **Permit is only valid for this location.**
5. **Fire-extinguishing Equipment.** A garden hose connected to a water supply with adequate pressure or other approved on-site fire extinguishing equipment must be available for immediate use at open burning sites.
6. **Attendance.** Burning material shall be constantly attended from the time of ignition until ½ hour after the flames are extinguished by a competent adult, with a working telephone, who is knowledgeable in the use of the fire-extinguishing equipment and familiar with the permit limitations. **An open burn may not be left unattended. The Pagosa Fire Protection District must be called IMMEDIATELY, by dialing 9-1-1, if the fire extends beyond the control area.**
7. **Size.** Brush and scrap wood may only be burned in a maximum of 3 piles at one time, with no one pile exceeding a 4X4X4 foot cube. Trash such as cardboard and paper products must be burned in a barrel with a screen over the opening. Burning of household garbage such as plastic, rubber, tires, furniture or hazardous materials is prohibited at any time. Fires in a constructed fire pits are limited to a 2X2X2 foot cube.
8. **Discontinuance.** The District is authorized to require the immediate extinguishment by the permit holder or other person responsible for open burning if the District determines that open burning constitutes or adds to a hazardous or dangerous condition, or is offensive or objectionable pursuant to Section 307.1 of the Fire Code.
9. **Violations.** Any of the above conditions not met shall render the burn permit null and void and may result in the denial of future permit applications and both criminal and civil liability, including enforcement action by the District, Archuleta County, and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. If the District is required to respond to an open burn that has become uncontrollable, the permit holder and/or landowner shall pay a fee based on an established schedule of fees.

**APPLICATION FOR OPEN BURNING PERMIT**

This application must be included in its entirety, including signature and date.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Exact Location of Burn: \_\_\_\_\_

(Identify nearest intersection or a verifiable address)

Landowner: \_\_\_\_\_ Burn Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If an open burn is to be conducted by anyone other than the owner of the property, you must attach written permission from the owner or his/her agent with this Application).

Purpose of Burn: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Debris to be Burned: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount of Debris to be Burned: \_\_\_\_\_  
(eg: tons, acres, number & dimension of piles, etc.)

Proposed Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Beginning in 2011, open burning permits expire at the end of the calendar year in which they were issued.)

Total Hours/Days Needed to Complete Burn: \_\_\_\_\_

### AGREEMENT REGARDING OPEN BURNING

Read the following in its entirety before signing. It affects your legal obligations and liabilities with regard to conducting an open burn.

Having been issued a burn permit to conduct open burning, I agree to abide by the criteria and requirements contained on this permit and any Pagosa Fire Protection District policies that pertain to open burning. I affirm that the information provided in the Application for Open Burning Permit is accurate and I certify that I am the property owner of the property on which the open burn will be conducted, or that I have the permission of the property owner or agent of the property owner to conduct the burn. I further acknowledge and agree that failure to follow the requirements and criteria as set forth on the permit will result in revocation of the permit, may cause denial of further permit applications and may subject me to both criminal and civil liability for the cost of any and all Pagosa Fire Protection District responses, as well as liability for injuries and damages to any other persons and property.

\_\_\_\_\_ (initials)

I acknowledge that I am aware of the risks and hazards involved in conducting open burning, which risks may include, but are not limited to: property damage, bodily injury and/or death to myself and others and I knowingly and voluntarily assume those risks. In consideration for conducting an open burn pursuant to the permit, I hereby release, discharge, and agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless to the extent allowed by law, the Pagosa Fire Protection District and its officers, agents, employees, successors and assigns, for any and all causes of action, including but not limited to any act of negligence and for any and all liabilities for injuries or damages caused by me, or that may be incurred by me or my property, or injuries or damages to any other person or property as a result of or in any way connect to my conducting the open burn.

\_\_\_\_\_ (initials)

I further agree to pay the Pagosa Fire Protection District fees based on an established fee schedule should Pagosa Fire Protection District respond to my burn site due to any violation of the burn permit requirements and criteria.

\_\_\_\_\_ (initials)

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Issued By: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Conditions, if any: \_\_\_\_\_