



OPEN BURNING PERMIT

(Slash Burns - Form BC-01)

Sections I and II must be filled out and returned to the Boulder County Public Health (BCPH) for final authorization for slash burns. **Phone # (303) 441-1564, Fax # (303) 441-1468.** This application addresses air quality issues only. Please check with your local fire department for their recommendations on fire safety. You can also apply for a permit on line at www.bouldercountyair.org

I. General Information:

Elevation of property _____ feet

Name _____ Phone # _____ FAX # _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Location of Burn: _____ City _____

Subdivision _____ Local Fire Department _____

Type of Debris To Be Burned _____ Size of Pile(s) or Burn (W x L x Ht) _____ # of piles _____

Proposed Starting Date (s) _____ Proposed Completion Date(s) _____

Type of Burn: Standard Slash Burn (March 1-Oct 31) _____ Mitigation Burn (Nov 1- Mar 31) _____

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

II. Authorization:

Date Issued: _____

Exempt Burn? Yes No

(A permit is not required for exempt burns, see back page)

Date Expires: ___ October 31, 20___ (enter year)

(check one) ___ March 31, 20___ (enter year)

Signature of BCPH Granting Authority _____ Date _____

NOTE: Boulder County Public Health and employees or agents thereof, in issuing this permit, do not assume any responsibility or liability for any hazardous condition(s) created by the permit tee which result in damage to the person or property of any third person. Boulder County Public Health shall have final authority for issuing or denying this permit. The Colorado Air Quality Control Commission's Regulation No.9 prohibits open burning unless an Open Burning Permit has first been obtained. In granting or denying any such permit, Boulder County Public Health shall base permit approval on the potential contribution of the burn to air pollution in the area, climate conditions of the day or days of such burning, and satisfaction that there is no practical alternative method for the disposal of the material to be burned. All applicable State and local regulations must be met. This permit is for compliance with the State air pollution control requirements only and is not a permit to violate any existing State or local laws, rules, regulations or ordinances regarding fire, zoning or building. The permit shall be made available for inspection without unreasonable delay upon request of appropriate officials.

III. EXEMPT BURNS: Please fill out the General Information section on the first page and place a check mark next to the type of exempt burn (below). No authorization is required for exempt burns:

Agricultural Burn _____ **Recreational Burn** _____ **Training Burn** _____

- **Agricultural Burns** – The open burning of ground cover vegetation for the purpose of preparing the soil for crop production and livestock grazing, for the clearing of irrigation ditches and fence lines, and for controlling noxious weeds for “Commercial Agricultural Operations”. Commercial Agricultural Operations are those operations in which the growing of crops or livestock is a “gainful occupation” such that the income received from the agricultural operation is greater than \$500 per year. Properties that are “agriculturally zoned” but that do not have commercial income > \$500/yr will **not** be considered “agricultural” and are **not exempt**. The burning of tree trimmings from commercial orchards for disease control is considered “agricultural”.
- **Recreational Fires** – Fires used for non-commercial cooking of food for human consumption (barbeques), for instructional or religious purposes (bonfires) or for recreational purposes (campfires on private lands). This applies only to the burning of clean dry wood (no treated wood, trash, etc.)
- **Training Fires** – Fires utilized by fire management agencies for training exercises.

IV. CONDITIONS /RESTRICTIONS:

SPRING/SUMMER/FALL - STANDARD SLASH BURNS March 1st – October 31st

No burning is allowed November 1-February 28 of each year.

The following conditions must be met:

1. Materials to be burned include **only clean, dry slash (branches) 3” or less in diameter.**
2. **No household trash, weeds, leaves, stumps, or lumber shall be burned.**
3. **Contact Boulder County Communications at (303) 441-4444 on the day of the burn and your local fire department at least 3 days prior to burning.**
4. Reasonable alternatives for disposal of the material, other than burning, do not exist. Please go to: http://www.bouldercounty.org/foresthealth/pages/collection_sites.htm for more information on disposal alternatives.
5. All burning activities must be **started at least 2 hours after sunrise and must be completely extinguished 2 hours before sunset** (refer to local paper for sunrise and sunset times).
6. During publicly announced periods of an air pollution emergency, alert, or burning bans, all permits will be suspended in the alert areas. Please go to: <http://www.colorado.gov/airquality/advisory.aspx> to check for air pollution alerts.
7. **During the month of March, burning is prohibited during an “Air Quality Action Day”.** Please call the Air Pollution Forecast at (303) 758-4848 or go to <http://www.colorado.gov/airquality/advisory.aspx> to determine if it is an “AQ Action Day” and during what hours you may burn.
8. **During the months of June, July and August, burning is prohibited during an “Air Quality Action Day”** in the Denver Ozone Attainment/Maintenance Area (including Boulder County). Please call 303-782-0211 or go to: <http://www.ozoneaware.org/ozone-information/ozone-action-alerts> for the current air quality conditions.
9. No burn permits will be issued for the Coal Creek Canyon Fire Protection District (CCCFFD) unless a permit is first obtained from CCCFFD and there is at least four (4) inches of snow on the ground. Please call CCCFFD at (303) 642-3121 or go to <http://www.coalcreekcanyonfd.org/> for more information.

WINTER - WILDFIRE MITIGATION BURNS >6,400 FEET November 1st – March 31st

*Open burning permits will be issued during the High Pollution season for wood debris/slash generated during wildland hazardous fuel reduction activities (i.e. thinning, defensible space, and forest health) **only for projects at an elevation of 6,400 feet or higher.***

The following conditions must be met:

1. Materials to be burned includes **only clean, dry slash (branches) 6” or less in diameter.**
2. **No household trash, weeds, leaves, stumps, or lumber shall be burned.**
3. **Contact Boulder County Communications at (303) 441-4444 on the day of the burn and your local fire department at least 3 days prior to the burn.**
4. Reasonable alternatives for disposal of the material, other than burning, do not exist. Please go to: http://www.bouldercounty.org/foresthealth/pages/collection_sites.htm for more information on disposal alternatives.
5. **Burning can *only* occur between 10:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.** or as allowed by CDPHE’s burn forecast (http://www.colorado.gov/airquality/burn_forecast.aspx). Fires must be *completely out* without any significant residual smoke by 4:00 P.M.
6. During publicly announced periods of an air pollution emergency, action day, alert, or burning bans, all permits will be suspended in the alert areas. Please go to: <http://www.colorado.gov/airquality/advisory.aspx> to check for air pollution alerts.
7. **During the period of November 1st – March 31st - Burning is prohibited during an Air Quality Action Day.** Please call the Air Pollution Forecast at (303) 758-4848 or go to <http://www.colorado.gov/airquality/advisory.aspx> to determine if it is Air Quality Action Day and during what hours you may burn.
8. For land management burning projects above 7000 feet: burning may occur on an Air Quality Action Day if local dispersion conditions are “fair” or better. **Local fire managers are responsible for obtaining information about local dispersion conditions and fire weather forecasts.**
9. No burn permits will be issued for the Coal Creek Canyon Fire Protection District (CCCFFD) unless a permit is first obtained from CCCFFD and there is at least four (4) inches of snow on the ground. Please call CCCFFD at (303) 642-3121 or go to <http://www.coalcreekcanyonfd.org/> for more information.