



OPEN BURNING PERMIT FOR AIR QUALITY COMPLIANCE
(Slash Burns - Form BC-01)

This permit is for compliance with Colorado air quality regulations only. You must contact your local fire department and Boulder County Sheriff's Department for their requirements on fire safety and current burn bans.

Section I must be filled out and returned to Boulder County Public Health (BCPH) at 3450 Broadway, Boulder, Colorado, 80304 for final authorization. Phone # (303) 441-1564. Fax # (303) 441-1468. You can also apply for a permit on line at www.bouldercountyair.org. (Please allow 3 business days for processing of the permit.)

I. General Information:

Elevation of property (altitude) _____ 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 _____ Proposed Completion Date _____

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) Standard Slash Burn
(check one) ___ **March 31, 20** ___ (enter year) Winter Mitigation Burn

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. The Colorado Air Quality Control Commission's Regulation No.9 prohibits open burning unless an Open Burning Permit has first been obtained from the appropriate air pollution control authority. 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: No authorization is required for these exempt burns.

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, sweat lodges) 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, grass, stumps, or lumber shall be burned.**
3. **You must contact Boulder County Sheriff Communications at (303) 441-4444 and your local fire department on each separate day of 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. 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, actions days, 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 Ozone 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 (CCCFPD) unless a permit is first obtained from CCCFPD and there is at least four (4) inches of snow on the ground. Please call CCCFPD at (303) 642-3121 or go to <http://www.coalcreekcanyonfd.org/> for more information.
10. No burn permits will be issued for Timberline Fire Protection District (TFPD) unless a permit is first obtained from TFPD and there is at least four (4”) inches of snow on the ground. Please call 303-582-5768 or go to <http://timberlinefire.org/> for more information.

WINTER – MITIGATION PROJECT SLASH BURNS >6,400 FEET November 1st – March 31st

Open burning permits will be issued for slash generated from thinning, wildfire mitigation, defensible space, and forest health and only for projects at an elevation of 6,400 feet or higher.

The following conditions must be met:

1. Materials to be burned include **only clean, dry slash (branches) 6” or less in diameter.**
2. **No household trash, weeds, leaves, grass, stumps, or lumber shall be burned.**
3. **You must contact Boulder County Sheriff Communications at (303) 441-4444 and your local fire department on each separate day of 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 days, 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.
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