



BOISE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Prevention Division

Open Burning Regulations

Most open burning within City limits is prohibited. Please consider alternatives to burning available to city and/or county residents:

- City of Boise trash and recycling options at [Curb It | City of Boise](#)
- Ada County [Noxious Weed Control - Weed Pest & Mosquito Abatement Ada County \(id.gov\)](#)

Materials NOT Legal to Burn

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Asphalt materials• Burn barrels are NOT legal!• Commercial industrial waste• Construction, demolition, or salvage debris• Garbage or lawn clippings• Hazardous materials• Insulated wire• Junk Motor Vehicles | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oil or grease• Paints• Petroleum products or plastics• Preservative-treated wood (pallets)• Railroad ties or Telephone poles• Rubber materials• Tar or tar paper• Tires |
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Permittable Activities Per Boise City Code (BCC) 5-12-14 – A permit shall be obtained from the Boise Fire Department, prior to open burning, for the following types of fires:

- 1) Recognized silvicultural or range or wildlife management practices, prevention or control of disease or pests.
 - 2) Irrigation ditches and fence rows
 - 3) Bonfires/Special fires allowed at the discretion of the fire code official
- To apply for a Burn permit or Bonfire permit, go to the City of Boise [Burn Permit | City of Boise](#) and apply for a Fire Operational permit.

Activities That Do Not Require Permitting Are Limited To:

- 1) Recreational fires or portable outdoor fireplaces not within restricted areas
 - a. ONLY use Firewood (does not include yard debris)
 - b. Fuel area of 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height
 - c. Separation from structures or combustible materials: 25 ft. for recreational fires; 15 ft. for approved containers
 - d. Constantly attended until fully extinguished
- 2) Training fires approved by the Fire Chief

All open burning, whether permitted or not, is prohibited when the [Air Quality Index \(AQI\)](#), as reported by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) reaches 60 or higher for any pollutant. Adverse weather conditions, such as high winds, restrict open burning to avoid fire hazards.

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Restricted Areas - Wildland Urban Interface (WUI), Boise & Garden City Foothills, BCC 5-12-49

Persons shall not build, ignite, or maintain any outdoor fire of any kind for any purpose, in an IR1 wildland-urban interface area, except by written permission from the Fire Marshal.

- 1) Exceptions:
 - a. Outdoor fireplace, incinerator, or grill; And not less than 30 feet from any combustible material or non-fire-resistive vegetation; And which have openings protected with an approved spark arrestor, screen, or door (unless otherwise approved by the code official).
 - b. Propane-fired portable outdoor fireplaces within inhabited premises and are not less than 15 feet from any combustible material or non-fire-resistive vegetation.

Unincorporated Ada County (Whitney and NACFR Areas) – The only open burning allowed (If daily Air Quality Index allows):

- 1) Irrigation ditches and fence rows
- 2) Garden and tree trimmings with branches no larger than ½" in diameter