

Weld County Open Burning Information

Who needs an Open Burning Permit?

Anyone performing a non-exempted open burn anywhere in Weld County.

Who doesn't need an Open Burning Permit?

Campfires, non-commercial cooking fires and agricultural burning are exempted from open burn permitting. These burns are still subject to fire district and municipal fire rules.

What is agricultural burning?

Agricultural burning is the burning of water conveyance ditches and/or fields to prepare land for the planting of **COMMERCIAL CROPS**. Land zoned as "agricultural" does not automatically provide exemption from open burn permitting.

How do I apply for a permit?

Access the Weld County Department of Public Health and Environment (WCDPHE) burn permit application on-line at https://www.co.weld.co.us/apps1/health/burn_permits/ or call (970) 304-6415. Walk-ins are welcome.

Once your permit has been approved check the Colorado Open Burning Forecast online: https://www.colorado.gov/airquality/burn_forecast.aspx before you burn. You may not be able to burn every day in the two weeks your permit is active for.

What materials may be burned?

Untreated wood, sticks, branches, leaves, dry prairie grass, slash and weeds. All burns must be performed in open piles. ***Burning in barrels is NOT allowed.***

What materials are not allowed to be burned?

Tree stumps, tires, chemicals, plastic, pallets, treated or painted wood, construction debris, trash. Burning of these materials produces pollution that is harmful to the environment and the health of you and your neighbors!

What happens if I burn without a permit?

Air Quality Control Commission Regulation 9 provides guidelines for open burning. Burning without a permit or burning of prohibited materials can lead to a sizable civil penalty of up to \$10,000 per day. (per C.R.S 25-7-123) **GET A PERMIT BEFORE YOU BURN!**

Before you burn

- Check with your local fire department regarding fire safety and municipal rules.
- Apply for an open burning permit

On the day of your Burn

- Inform your fire department that you plan on burning.
- Make sure the fire is out COLD before sundown.

Questions?

Contact the Weld County Department of Public Health and Environment at (970) 304-6415



Remember: YOU DON'T ALWAYS HAVE TO BURN! Many materials can be given away, mulched, reused or recycled.