

**Grand County Division of Natural Resources (GCDNR)**  
**Application for Open Burning Permit**  
**State of Colorado and Grand County Standard Open Burning Conditions**  
*Please retain all pages of this application for your reference!*

1. **PERMITTEE/BURNER MUST CONTACT GRAND COUNTY DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES (GCDNR) EACH DAY YOU WANT TO BURN: 970-887-0745.**  
Office hours are 7am to 3:00pm, M-F. Also call this number for weekend burns.
2. **Please have the following information ready when you call to burn: permit number; name of permit holder & burn supervisors name; physical address of burn site; contact phone number; number and size of piles to be burned and total cubic feet tallied. This information will be posted on a website, which is accessible to interested agencies and any public on a daily basis.**
3. Appropriate weather conditions must be present before igniting an open burn. Mild to moderate winds and unstable air masses provide the best smoke dispersal. Night time conditions, stationary fronts and high-pressure systems can cause inversion layers in mountain valleys which keeps smoke trapped close to the ground. To verify appropriate smoke dispersal conditions you MUST call GCDNR each and every time you would like to burn before igniting any piles.
4. The permittee, his/her employees, agents and assignees shall abide by the conditions and restrictions contained herein. **Any violations of these conditions shall render this permit null and void; mandatory court appearance and up to \$1000.00 fine plus court costs and any civil damages as well as possible additional enforcement action by the State of Colorado.**
5. **At no time shall the burning area be left unattended while flames are present.** Precautions shall be taken to localize the burning and in no way constitute a fire hazard or cause harm or damage to persons or property within or adjacent to the area of burning, this includes having adequate fire suppression equipment on site. The granting authority (GCDNR), in the issuing of a permit, does not assume any responsibility or liability for any hazardous condition created by the permittee which results in damage to the person or property of the permittee, or the person or property of any third party.
6. Burning shall be restricted to the item(s) and location identified on the permit. All operations shall be subject to inspection by the Colorado State Air Pollution Control Division, Grand County DNR, Grand County Sheriff's Office or local fire protection district personnel.
7. **This permit shall be retained by the person supervising the burning and shall be shown upon request to any appropriate official without delay.**
8. Only unmilled wood is permitted in burn piles, NO other materials shall be burned.
9. No stumps are allowed in piles and large diameter wood (6" and greater) in volumes greater than 20% of the total pile will not be permitted in an open burn pile because of increased consumption time. Use large diameter wood for other purposes (i.e. firewood) and either dispose of stumps at an accepting facility or bury them on site.
10. Pile(s) must be free of dirt, piles containing dirt will not be permitted. Bladed equipment should not be used to construct pile(s).
11. FEES: Open burn pile(s) 1000 cubic feet or smaller, with a base no larger than 12'x12' will be exempt from permit costs. Any piles larger than 1000 cubic feet or with a base larger than 12' will be subject to permit costs as listed on the next page. DNR recommends piles not to exceed 3375 cubic feet (15'x15'x15') as these are easily consumed within a 12 hour period.
12. Homeowners Association Regulations take primacy over county regulations. This permit is only valid if your homeowners association allows for open burning within its statutes.
13. **NOTICE:** Burn season will be closed from December 24, 2011-January 3, 2012 for our annual Christmas to New Year's break.

## Types of Open Burning Permits:

- A. Standard – Issued to any private residence that is not a for-profit or a production agricultural entity. Cost of season long permit is \$50.00. Permit applicants with pile(s) 1000 cubic feet or less (10’x10’x10’ but cannot have a base any larger than 12’x12’) will be exempt from this fee. Pile(s) may be inspected by DNR at any time.
- B. Commercial – Issued to any for-profit commercial entity including private property collecting slash for a fee or any property that exceeds 900,000 cubic feet of slash (approximately 50-30’x30’x20’). Cost of season long permit is \$500.00. These projects are required to be inspected in order to obtain a permit for the current season.

**Please make all checks payable to: Grand County Division of Natural Resources or GCDNR.**

## Types of Burns Exempt from Permit Issued by Grand County

- A. Prescribed/planned burns for forest or range management on public lands (US Forest Service, BLM, National Park Service, Colorado Division of Wildlife, Colorado State Forest Service and US Fish and Wildlife Service). The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Air Pollution Control Division reviews these burns under the Colorado Smoke Management Plan.
- B. Production Agriculture - Accepted and historical agricultural burning methods, including, but not limited to: 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.
- C. Individual burn barrels in rural areas – limited to 55 Gallon drum or smaller in size, 1 per property.
- D. Recreational fires – Fires used for the cooking of food for human consumption (barbecues), for instructional or religious purposes (bonfires or sweat lodges), or for recreational purposes (campfires). These fires shall not exceed 3 ft. x 3 ft. x 2 ft in size. Only one campfire per property.
- E. Training fires – Fires used by fire management agencies for personnel exercises.

*Note: Local or statewide fire bans for fire danger supercedes and prohibits all of the above mentioned types of fires.*

## Open Burn Pile/Slash Pile Requirements

1. Wood in pile(s) should be dead for a minimum of 1 year before pile(s) can be ignited.
2. All pile(s) need to be “chunked” as soon as pile(s) can be worked. This means all debris around edges needs to be moved to the hot center of the pile for more efficient consumption and to reduce smoldering time.
3. **Pile(s) must be free of dirt and stumps, pile(s) containing dirt/stumps will not be permitted.**
4. All open burn piles should be a safe distance from overhead or underground utility lines, or any flammable structures such as homesites, decks, propane tanks and trees. Call your local utility or fire protection district if unsure about the safety of the pile(s).
5. DO NOT start burn pile(s) with gasoline.
6. Reseed burned area with native vegetation and grasses to prevent the infestation and spread of noxious weeds. It is Colorado State Law and the landowner’s responsibility to prevent the spread of noxious weeds.
7. Please consider your neighbors and inform them of any scheduled burn taking place.

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*Please fill out application completely and return this page only to the address below:*

**Division of Natural Resources**  
**PO Box 9**  
**Granby, CO 80446**  
**970-887-0745 or fax 970-887-8862**

Permit No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Issued: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Expires: April 1, 2012

**Applicant: Complete Sections I & II, ALL Items Must Be Completed**

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*Section I: Landowner Information*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (if permit is faxed): \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address of Site (address must contain a County Rd #) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ownership of burn site (if other than applicant) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Burn supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ Contact phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fire Protection District (if any) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Adjacent to public lands (specify BLM, USFS, National Park, etc) Yes or No \_\_\_\_\_  
 Purpose of burn (describe) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Type of debris to be burned \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of piles \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dimensions of each pile in feet(attach sheet if necessary) \_\_\_\_\_  
Total cubic feet to be burned (length x width x height x # of piles) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Age of pile(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Material in pile(s) is dead at least 1 year Yes No Please initial \_\_\_\_\_  
 Is the pile(s) free of dirt? Yes No Please initial \_\_\_\_\_  
 Remaining number of acres or trees to be cut \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ignition fuel \_\_\_\_\_  
 Estimated total hours or days needed to complete burn \_\_\_\_\_

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*Section II: I understand that this approved permit is a legally binding document and by signing this document, I verify all information contained above to be accurate and true.*

Application date \_\_\_\_\_ Landowner signature \_\_\_\_\_

Burn Supervisor signature (if different than Owner) \_\_\_\_\_

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*Section III: To Be Completed By Granting Authority Only*

Comments:

Granting Authority Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_