

Do I need any other permits before burning?

If you are a grower planning to conduct a crop residue burn outside the five Tribal Reservation boundaries, you must obtain a DEQ crop residue burn permit. A DEQ permit is required for all types of crop residue burning, including whole and partial fields, residue in piles or rows, and pastures.

If you are planning to burn inside one of the five Tribal Reservation boundaries, additional permits from the respective Tribe may be required.

There also may be local fire safety permits required outside of city limits during closed fire season.

If you live inside city limits and you plan to burn, a permit from your local fire department may be required.

No matter where you want to burn and what you plan to burn, BurnPermits.Idaho.Gov will either issue you the fire safety burn permit you need on the spot or tell you which entity to contact for alternate or additional permits.

Idaho Fire Safety Burn Permits At-a-Glance

Individuals living **outside city limits anywhere in Idaho**, who plan to burn for any reason—**including crop residue burning** and **excluding recreational campfires**—during **closed fire season** must obtain a fire safety burn permit.

“Closed Fire Season”
= May 10-October 20 every year

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- ⇒ Gives you tips for safe burning practices
- ⇒ No matter where you want to burn and what you plan to burn, BurnPermits.Idaho.Gov will either issue you the fire safety burn permit you need on the spot or tell you which entity to contact for alternate or additional permits.

DEQ regulates all open burning outside the five Tribal Reservation boundaries.

For more information on what can be burned, go to
<http://www.deq.idaho.gov/air-quality/burning>

For allowable burning within Tribal Reservation boundaries, contact the respective Tribe.



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Questions?

Contact the Idaho Department of Lands
Fire Management Bureau in Coeur d'Alene

By calling (208) 769-1525
Or (866) 581-6498

Or by e-mailing comments@idl.idaho.gov

What does the fire safety burn permit cost? Why is it needed?

Burn permits are free of charge and good for 10 days after you obtain it.

By obtaining the fire safety burn permit you will help **inform fire managers where permitted burning activity is occurring** so they can **better protect Idaho citizens and resources**.

You also will help **prevent false runs to fires**, saving firefighting resources for instances where they truly are needed.

Obtaining the fire safety burn permit lets fire managers know where permitted burning is occurring so they can **respond more quickly to a controlled burn if it escapes, potentially reducing the liability of the burner**.

Obtaining a fire safety burn permit ensures your burning operation is in compliance with Idaho law (Idaho Code 38-115). **Other laws related to open burning in Idaho also apply.**

How will I know if it is OK to burn?

The new online tool BurnPermits.Idaho.Gov will inform you of current fire safety fire restrictions in place statewide.

However, some local jurisdictions and counties may have other fire restrictions in place, so **always check with your local fire department or county sheriff's office** before burning.

Additionally, before burning **all burners** in Idaho must **check with the respective Tribe** (if in Reservation boundaries) or **DEQ** to ensure there are no **air quality restrictions in place**.

Do I need to get a fire safety burn permit from the IDL?

Individuals living **outside city limits anywhere in Idaho who plan to burn for any reason** – including crop residue burning and excluding recreational campfires – **during “closed fire season,”** from May 10 to October 20 every year, must obtain a fire safety burn permit.

If you live inside city limits and you plan to burn, a permit from your local fire department may be required.

How can I obtain my fire safety burn permit?

Fire safety burn permits can be obtained online with the new online statewide self service fire safety burn permit system, BurnPermits.Idaho.Gov.

The permits also can be obtained **in person** at any IDL office in the state. Office locations are available on the IDL Website, <http://www.idl.idaho.gov>, by clicking “Contact.”

I never had to get a fire safety burn permit before. Why do I need to get one now?

Residents and growers in northern Idaho generally are accustomed to obtaining the fire safety burn permit along with their Crop Residue Burn Permit from DEQ (for growers).

However, residents and growers in southern Idaho may not be aware of the Idaho law (which has been in place for many years) requiring the fire safety burn permit for any burning operation outside city limits during closed fire season.

Prior to 2013, the law requiring fire safety burn permits was not consistently applied across Idaho, so fire managers worked together in 2012 to bring the responsibility of issuing all fire safety burn permits across Idaho under the purview of IDL.

With expanded responsibilities in issuing fire safety burn permits south of Riggins, the IDL is reaching out to residents and growers in southern Idaho to inform them of the Idaho law requiring a fire safety burn permit for any burn operation outside city limits during closed fire season, including for crop residue burning.