

# MONTANA OPEN BURNING PERIODS

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Note: Missoula, Cascade, Lincoln, Flathead and Yellowstone County regulations may differ.

December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November
Open burning generally prohibited (Dec. 1 - Feb. 28)			Open burning allowed (Mar. 1 - Nov. 30)								
									Ventilation Hotline time period (Sept. 1 - Nov. 30)		

## BEFORE IGNITING ANY BURN:

- Contact local fire control and/or law enforcement authorities.
- Check for good ventilation. September through November, call DEQ ventilation hotline: Call 1-800-225-6779 or visit [www.burnclosures.mt.gov](http://www.burnclosures.mt.gov).
- December through February, obtain permission to burn from DEQ. Call: 406-444-3490.
- Obtain permits from DEQ for major burning and burns for emergencies, firefighter training, trade waste, landfill, Christmas tree waste, and commercial film production. Call: 406-444-3490.
- In the following counties, contact:

Missoula      406-258-4755    Hotline: 406-258-4900 (Northern Missoula Co. Hotline: 406-677-2899)  
Cascade      406-454-6950  
Yellowstone 406-256-6841  
Lincoln      406-283-2443  
Flathead     406-751-8144

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# MONTANA MINOR OPEN BURNING SOURCE REQUIREMENTS

Administrative Rules of Montana, Title 17, Chapter 8, subchapter 6

COUNTY	FALL Sept - Oct - Nov	WINTER Dec - Jan - Feb	SPRING/SUMMER Mar - Apr - May / Jun - Jul - Aug
<p><b><u>INSIDE Eastern Montana Open Burning Zone:</u></b> Big Horn, Blaine, Carbon, Carter, Cascade, Chouteau, Custer, Daniels, Dawson, Fallon, Fergus, Garfield, Glacier, Golden Valley, Hill, Judith Basin, Liberty, McCone, Meagher, Musselshell, Park (that portion north of Interstate 90), Petroleum, Phillips, Pondera, Powder River, Prairie, Richland, Roosevelt, Rosebud, Sheridan, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Teton, Toole, Treasure, Valley, Wheatland, Wibaux, and Yellowstone. ARM 17.8.601(3)</p>	<p>Burner is required to adhere to DEQ restrictions. Visit website or call DEQ hotline prior to ignition.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">ARM 17.8.606(3)</p>	<p>Burner is required to notify DEQ prior to ignition. Visit website or call DEQ hotline to verify ventilation conditions, then call Department to notify of burn.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">ARM 17.8.606(4)(b)</p>	<p>Burner may conduct open burning without contacting DEQ.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">ARM 17.8.606(5)</p>
<p><b><u>OUTSIDE Eastern Montana Open Burning Zone:</u></b> Beaverhead, Broadwater, Deer Lodge, Flathead, Gallatin, Granite, Jefferson, Lake, Lewis &amp; Clark, Lincoln, Madison, Mineral, Missoula, Park (that portion south of Interstate 90) Powell, Ravalli, Sanders, and Silver Bow.</p>	<p>Burner is required to adhere to DEQ restrictions. Visit website or call DEQ hotline prior to ignition.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">ARM 17.8.606(3)</p>	<p>Burner is required to submit to DEQ a written request to burn and receive permission for each burn requested. Burner shall adhere to time periods for burning as prescribed by DEQ. The request form is available on the web at <a href="http://www.deq.mt.gov/airquality/airopenbrn.mcp">www.deq.mt.gov/airquality/airopenbrn.mcp</a> or call (406) 444-3490</p> <p style="text-align: right;">ARM 17.8.606(4)(a)</p>	<p>Burner may conduct open burning without contacting DEQ.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">ARM 17.8.606(5)</p>

**NOTE: BURNERS MUST CONTACT THEIR LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT, FIRE, OR LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY BEFORE IGNITION.**

**DEQ Open Burning Hotline: 1-800-225-6779 or [www.burnclosures.mt.gov](http://www.burnclosures.mt.gov)**

**For more information:**

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