



## Timberlake Fire Protection District

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### **BURNING REGULATIONS**

**A copy of these burning regulations must be on site at all times while burning.**

**Before you burn:** Each day that you burn, call the DEQ (Department of Air Quality) at 1-800-633-6247 option 3# or view their website at <http://www.deq.idaho.gov/air-quality/monitoring/daily-reports-and-forecasts.aspx>

You can only burn if the conditions are **GREEN**.  
**DO NOT burn if the conditions are YELLOW or RED.**

Burning outside of Athol city limits, burning of logging slash piles and/or field burning must meet Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) guidelines. Permits are required from IDL from **May 10th to October 20th**. Please contact IDL at 208-769-1577 (Kootenai County) or 208-263-5104 (Bonner County) or visit the online permitting process at <http://burnpermits.idaho.gov/Home.aspx>

**BURNING DURING EXTREME FIRE DANGER, A BURN BAN, OR CLOSED BURNING SEASON IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED, EVEN IF THE AIR QUALITY HOTLINE STATES A GREEN BURNING DAY**

#### **1. Residential Yard Waste Burning:**

Burning of yard waste is allowed during **daylight hours only**; (Sun up to Sundown).

- Yard waste fires must be completely out by dark. ***THIS MEANS COLD TO THE TOUCH!***
- Fires must be attended at all times. The Attendant must have a hose connected to a water supply, or a minimum of five gallons of water in a bucket, or one or more portable fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating and a shovel on scene at all times.
- All yard waste fires shall be a minimum of 25' from any structure (i.e. trees, propane tanks, fences).
- Burning is allowed by property owners, legal occupants and/or authorized individuals.
- Yard waste is defined as clean, untreated wood, paper, vegetation, limbs and branches.
- Burning of any trash, manure, treated lumber, plastic, tires, garbage, pallets and other hazardous material is strictly prohibited.
- Fire Officials or Law Enforcement are authorized to require that burning be discontinued if smoke emissions or odors are offensive to occupants of surrounding properties, or the burning is deemed unsafe.
- All burning is prohibited during Extreme Fire Danger and Air Quality burn bans.

#### **2. Recreational Fires:**

- Small cooking fires, barbecue pits, recreational fires and warming fires, not exceeding three (3) feet in diameter and (2) two feet tall, are allowed day or night but must be extinguished and cold to touch upon leaving the fire site. Cooking using approved fuel powered stoves is allowed.
- All recreational fires shall be a minimum of 15' from any structure (includes trees, propane tanks, fences and property lines). Recreational fires must be attended at all times.

- The Attendant must have a hose connected to a water supply, **or** a minimum of five gallons of water in a bucket, **or** one or more serviceable portable fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating and a shovel on scene at all times.
- During Extreme Fire Danger and/or Air Quality burn bans, recreational and bon fires are prohibited.

### 3. Commercial and/or Slash Pile burning:

- All open burning except Residential yard waste burning and small Recreational fires requires an Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) Burn Permit. IDL Burn Permits can be obtained by going to <http://burnpermits.idaho.gov/Home.aspx> For IDL in Kootenai County call 769-1577 or for Bonner County call 263-5104. Permits are good for ten (10) days but can be renewed by logging back into the IDL burn permit website.
- All burning must follow IDL burn permit requirements. Logging slash piles, machine generated piles, and field burning must meet Idaho Department of Lands Guidelines.
- Burning of construction debris by contractors and commercial trade waste is prohibited by the State of Idaho Department of Environmental Quality.
- Hauling of debris from one property to another to burn is prohibited.
- Small warming fires during cold weather are allowed but shall be contained, shall involve clean lumber only (no glued products) and shall be completely extinguished before leaving the site.

### 4. Other Suggestions and Information for Safe Burning:

- FIRE BREAKS- It is highly recommended that you have an area 10 foot wide around the fire that is cleared down to mineral soil and that no trees or vegetation is in close proximity to your fire area.
- WIND AND FIRE DANGER- Check the fire danger each day before you burn. Do not burn during windy conditions. You are responsible if your fire escapes your burn area.
- BURN REGULATIONS- Please obtain a new copy of the burn regulations each burning season. Changes to the burning regulations may occur from year to year and you are responsible for understanding these changes.
- Your fire is your responsibility! Fires must be attended by a responsible adult with adequate tools and equipment to control your fire.
- Open burning that will be offensive or objectionable due to smoke or odor emissions when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous as determined by fire official shall be prohibited.
- Failure to comply with burning requirements may result in misdemeanor citation and/or being charged with extinguishment costs.