



Mica Kidd Island Fire Protection District

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Outside Controlled Burning Requirements

Between May 10th and October 20th, you must obtain a permit to conduct open burning within the Mica Kidd Island Fire Protection District boundaries. Permits are available free of charge at our administration headquarters or online at mkifire.com.

Before any burning, call 1-800-633-6247 for Air Quality Advisory. GREEN means open burning is OK, if advisory indicated YELLOW or RED open burning is closed.

Burning is allowed **during daylight** hours **only**. No burning after dark. Small recreational fires may be allowed in approved burning appliances.

Burning of **construction debris** by contractors is **prohibited**.

Burning of **manure, trash, plastic, tires, treated lumber, and garbage** is **prohibited**.

Logging slash piles, machine generated piles, and field burning must meet Idaho Department of Lands Guidelines. Permits are required from the Idaho Department of Lands (769-1577) from May 10th to October 20th. Burning of **stumps** is **prohibited**. Please contact the Fire District once you obtain a permit and plan on conducting burning.

Your fire is your responsibility. Fires must be attended by a responsible adult with adequate tools and equipment to control your fire. A garden hose attached to a water supply or other fire extinguishing equipment (shovel, fire extinguisher, bucket, etc.) shall be on hand and a competent person will be at the burn site at all times until the fire has been totally extinguished.

Fires shall not be within 25 feet of any building, property line, fence, structure or other combustible material when hand pile size is 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height. Anything larger shall be fifty (50) feet or more from any structure or other combustible material.

Burning is allowed only by property owners, legal occupants, and/or duly authorized individuals.

Burning will be ordered immediately discontinued if the Fire Chief or On-Duty Officer of the Mica Kidd Island Fire Protection District determines that smoke emissions are offensive to occupants of surrounding property or if open burning is determined by the Fire Officer to constitute a hazardous condition.

The Fire Chief or On-Duty Officer of the Mica Kidd Island Fire Protection District shall retain authority to modify any of the conditions of a permit, or revoke a permit at any time and require subject or organization to extinguish open burn.

BURNING DURING CLOSED BURNING SEASON IS PROHIBITED.

Failure to comply with burning requirements may result in a misdemeanor citation and/or being charged for extinguishment costs.

APPROVED BURNING APPLIANCES

Generally speaking, no open burning/open flame is permitted during closed burning season.

Small recreational fires may be allowed in approved burning appliances. Please note:

- These should be commercially manufactured vessels with a UL listing, and must include a tight-fitting lid or screen. This lid or screen must be ***in place at all times***.
- Fires are allowed at developed campground facilities managed by the Bureau of Land Management until a state wide burn ban is in effect.
- Masonry structures ***may*** be allowed; Kootenai County Community Development approval may be required, prior to beginning construction. Any such structure ***must*** include spark arrester screens.
- No wooden vessels, in-ground pits, or a ring of rocks may be used as an ***approved*** appliance.
- No unattended burning will be allowed.
- You should have a garden hose attached to a water supply or other fire extinguishing equipment on hand, and a competent person at the site at all times until the fire has been totally extinguished.

All forms of burning will be closed during periods of Red Flag Warnings. Red Flag Warning is a term used by fire-weather forecasters (National Weather Service) to call attention to weather of particular importance to fire behavior. The purpose is to bring attention to special conditions of limited duration that may result in extreme burning conditions, rapid changes in weather conditions, which may increase the fire danger more rapidly than normal.

Although we do not recommend one specific brand or type vessel, we can provide photocopies of types of appliances which may be used.

Please be aware that even if you utilize an approved appliance during an approved timeframe, there is a very real possibility that your neighbors will call 911 to report what they believe to be illegal burning. The Fire District must respond to all such reports and take appropriate actions.

If you have any questions regarding burn restrictions, please feel free to contact us.

Thank you,

Ron Templeton
Deputy Fire Chief