

Burn Permits – 2025

How do I Renew my Permit?

Type in: Fergus County Fire Warden / **Renew an existing Burn Permit**

Select: Renew an existing burn permit. Have your existing burn permit number available.

Follow prompts to complete the renewal.

Select: Obtain your permit now through mt.gov

How do I Obtain a new Permit?

Type in: Fergus County Fire Warden / **Obtain a Burn Permit**

Fill in your general information, identify your Lat/Long on the map to add your burn location,

Select: I'm done adding Burn Locations (or add a second one), read and agree to terms and conditions.

Select: Obtain your permit now through mt.gov

OR stop by in person at the Courthouse – 712 West Main – Suite 103 Lewistown 406 535-8118

How do I activate my Burn?

Call: **1-833-312-8102** Service is available 24/7

Follow online prompts for start and end time. If you think your burn will last longer than one day (or continue to smolder), enter an end time of 11:59 pm, then call the next morning to start your burn again.

Your permit must be activated for **EACH** day of burning. The County Fire Warden and Rural District Fire Chiefs may shut down the service and not allow any permits to be activated if weather conditions are not conducive to burning. If burning is closed, you are prohibited from burning in Fergus County and both the website and automated phone system will prevent you from activating your permit.

How can I see legal burns throughout the County?

- ❖ The locations of all activated burns in the County are displayed on an interactive map. This helps to determine whether a smoke plume or fire is a legal burn permit, or an emergency that will require fire departments to be dispatched. If you see smoke and you are in doubt, please call 911 to report what you see.
- ❖ Anyone can view the current day's *Active Burn Map*. Click on this link:
https://app.egovmt.com/cgi-bin/burnpermit/burnPermit.cgi?mode=burn_map
- ❖ Or Type in: Fergus County Fire Warden / **View current burn activity**

When is a permit needed?

A burn permit is needed year-round if you intend on conducting a slash-burning fire, land-clearing fire, debris-burning fire or any other type of open fire greater than 48 inches in diameter.

You do NOT need a burn permit for fires measuring less than 48 inches in diameter that are surrounded by a nonflammable area or structure (i.e., fire ring). This assumes no county fire restrictions are in place.

What responsibilities am I assuming when I light my burn?

- ❖ Fires shall not be ignited when weather, wind, and other conditions make it hazardous to do so.
- ❖ You must have enough water, hand tools/equipment, and people to keep your fire under control.
- ❖ Proof of active Burn permit must be accessible at the burn location.
- ❖ Someone must remain with the fire until it is completely out (no smoke or hot embers present).
- ❖ *If you do not activate your permit before burning, the local fire department may be dispatched to your fire, even though it is under control, and you may be cited.*

What can I legally burn?

Natural vegetation is the ONLY thing that your burn permit allows you to burn.

- ❖ You are not allowed to burn prohibited materials as outline in the Montana DEQ air quality regulations. This includes, but is not limited to garbage, buildings, asphalt shingles, campers, railroad ties, plastic products, paper products, cardboard, manure, and dead animals.