

Burn Permit 12-2009

Golden Gate Fire Protection District

Outdoor burning in Unincorporated Jefferson County requires a permit signed by both the fire department and the Jefferson County Department of Health and Environment. The fire department evaluates applications for potential fire safety issues, while the health department evaluates applications for air quality issues that can impact human health. It is necessary to obtain permits from both the GGFDP and Jefferson County in order to burn.

Open burning in Jefferson county is regulated by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment / Air Pollution Control Division and Jefferson County Department of Health and Environment under the Colorado Air Quality Control Commission's regulation one.

Open burning without a permit is illegal and can resulting fines of up to \$10,000 per day.

Prohibited Materials

- Routine yard and garden clean-up waste
- Structures
- Construction debris
- Household garbage
- Materials that produce excessive smoke
- Commercial / business waste
- Stumps

Safety Guidelines

- Pile debris in open areas at least 35 feet from standing timber and structures.
- Piles should be no larger that 8 feet in diameter and 6 feet in height.
- There must be a minimum of 4 inches of snow on the ground and around the burn piles.
- Winds should be less than 10 mph.
- Always have water, a rake, a shovel, and a wheel barrel for snow transport available.
- Attend all fires until completely out.
- Advise neighbors of the burn day.
- All burns must be completely extinguished by nightfall.

For the County portion of the Burn Permit, please contact Jefferson County Department of Health and Environment at 303-271-5700 or visit http://jeffco.us/jeffco/health_uploads/ehs/forms/2000_AIR_Buring_Permit_Application.pdf.

GGFPD Resident

PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING A BURN PERMIT:

1. Locate the specific type of application form you need on the District web site.
<http://www.goldengatefire.org/GeneralOpenBurnPermit12-2009.pdf> (Burn permit)
2. Print out the application and fill out the information.
3. You must **also** go to the Jefferson County website at
http://jeffco.us/jeffco/health_uploads/ehs/forms/2000_AIR_Buring_Permit_Application.pdf (or Google “Jefferson county burn permits”) and print out the burn permit application under the Jefferson County Department of Health and Environment Division.
4. Complete both applications and send or deliver them along with the \$50 fee to Station 1, 32360 Robinson Hill Rd; P.O. Box 843; Golden CO 80402. **Be aware that both applications will need to have the Chief’s signature.**
5. The Chief will collect the applications and review them for approval.
6. If you have not received your signed permits after 2 weeks, please call the station at 303-279-3538 and let the Secretary know. The Chief or his delegate will make every effort to approve your application and return it to you to avoid further delay.
7. Once you receive your signed Burn permit application, the signed county application should then be taken or mailed to the office of the Department of Health and Environment at the address listed on the top of the county permit along with the fee required by the county.

Additional info/safety requirements

8. The county and the GGCFPD may send out a field inspector to check your slash piles before they approve your application.
9. Once you receive a fully executed burn permit from the District and then the County, you will be required to call the sheriff’s department on the day you decide to burn to alert them to an open burn in the District. The Sheriff’s Department will page our Fire Department to let them know of the proposed burn location.
10. All safety precautions surrounding an open burn must be followed as outlined, especially the specific weather and field condition requirements spelled out on your **District** burn permit (page 1 of the application
<http://www.goldengatefire.org/GeneralOpenBurnPermit12-2009.pdf>). Please note that the guidelines listed on the county permit may be different and do not always apply to the specific needs of our District. **Follow the guidelines on the District permit.**
11. The Golden Gate Fire Department reserves the right to inspect planned burn piles or burns in progress.

Burn Permit Application Form

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Burn dates are November 1st through March 31st

Name of applicant:

Name of property owner:

Daytime phone:

Address of Burn:

On what section of property will burn occur?

Helpful directions to burn location:

Type of material being burned:

Amount of material being burned (piles, cubic feet, etc.):

Email address:

An onsite inspection may be required.

Please read all requirements for open burning. If you have any questions, please visit the [Contact Us](http://www.goldengatefire.org/contact.htm) (www.goldengatefire.org/contact.htm) page on the website.

I have read and understand all burn requirements on page 1

Applicant Signature _____

Complete the above form and send together with the \$50 permit fee to:

Golden Gate Fire Protection District
P.O. Box 843 Golden, CO 80402-0843

Chief's approval _____