

OPEN BURNING INFORMATION

Unincorporated Areas

The Utah State Forestry Fire and State Lands rules for burning are June 1 thru October 31. During this time a burn permit is required for burning anything except for campfires in improved fire pits. The permits are free and obtained from the Fire Warden for unincorporated areas of the County. Burn Permits are issued Monday – Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. by calling 435-640-2075. They can be issued for a three day period, so plan ahead and call before you want to burn. If you are going to burn Friday thru Sunday, you will need to contact the Fire Warden no later than Wednesday for weekend permits due to high demand.

Once the permit is issued, Summit County Sheriff's Dispatch must be contacted before burning. They can be reached at (435)336-3600 prompt #1. All 911 reports of fire go through Dispatch so it is important they are notified to avoid unnecessary responses to a controlled burn. Also, fires must be manned at all times. When burning is complete, a call back to Dispatch helps them distinguish real fires from open burns.

There are three criteria used to determine a burn or no burn day:

1. Clearing Index;
2. Winds;
3. Red flag, hazard wind warnings, or low relative humidity levels.

Incorporated Areas

There is an open burn period of March 3 thru April 30, then again September 15 to October 30. During this time, permits are issued through the Division of Air Quality (link on Fire Warden page www.summitcounty.org). This is the only time for open burns in incorporated areas. Again, you still will need to call in to Summit County Sheriff's Dispatch. In the Park City area, please also check for local or city restrictions.

ORDINANCE. Summit County passed an ordinance requiring a call to Dispatch from April 1 to November 30. However, fire personal from the County ask that before burning anything other than cooking type camp fires, you call Dispatch.

AIR QUALITY RULES are playing a larger part of open burning requirements. Open burning is a source of air pollution that is regulated by the Division of Air Quality (DAQ). There are statewide rules in place that regulate open burning activities to help minimize emissions and ensure that the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) are met. Recent modifications to these rules change the open burn periods and include a statewide requirement to obtain a permit from the local county or municipal fire authority prior to burning.