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Burn Permits - Open Burning - Rules - Regulations

The Upper Missouri District Health Unit and the McKenzie County Emergency Management work together to inform the public as well as assist in the burn permit application process. To begin the process, you can obtain a burn permit application from the UMDHU website <https://www.umdhu.org/Protection>. If you have questions about what can be burned or if you need a burn permit you can call 701-774-6400.

Please note: oil, rubber, plastics and other materials that produce unreasonable amounts of air contaminants, cannot be burned. Companies cannot get burn permits for anything considered “trade waste” such as pallets, spools, shingles, railroad ties, etc. and will have to find alternative methods of disposal. “Agricultural” burning which is usually a field, ditch or tree row does not need a permit **but still needs to follow the remaining steps**. Upon completion of the burn permit application, the Fire Chief in your district will need to approve and sign off on your permit. Once signed by the appropriate Fire Chief, the burn permit application then needs to be sent to the UMDHU Williston Office during regular business hours. If granted, the permit is then valid for 60 days.

After receiving the approved permit, the instructions on the permit need to be followed. On the day you are going to burn, you must notify the Fire Chief of the district you live in, as well as McKenzie County Dispatch (701.444.3654 ext. 4) **at least two hours prior** to the burn taking place. Burning must be supervised at all times by the individual listed on the application. Burning is not allowed if the Fire Index is Very High, Extreme category and/or a Red Flag Warning has been issued for McKenzie County. See the following website for the updated daily Fire Index.
<https://gis.des.nd.gov/NDDDESFireIndex.png>

Upper Missouri District Health Unit is the burn permit issuing agency for McKenzie County as required by CHAPTER 33-15-04. **Burn permits are required year-round.** For more information please contact:

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