

Air Quality Information

It is your responsibility to confirm that air quality allows open burning for the day of your planned burn.

You must call the Department of Environmental Quality Burn Ban Hotline for the daily recorded message prior to any type of open burning. This message is updated daily and will give you the current air quality index.

You can also check to see if burning is allowed by visiting the DEQ website at:

<https://www.deq.idaho.gov/air-quality/air-quality-index/air-quality-forecasts/>

It is illegal to burn when open burning has been banned because of an air pollution alert or severe stagnation conditions exist.

**Air Quality Hotline
373-0313**



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MERIDIAN FIRE DEPARTMENT'S OPEN BURNING INSIDE CITY LIMITS

REGULATIONS



The only types of open burning allowed inside the City limits of Meridian are:

- Irrigations Ditches
- Recreational or Warming Fires

PRIOR TO BURNING

- 1) Call DEQ Air Quality Hotline at 373-0313 for current air conditions.
- 2) Notify neighbors of the burning to take place.

RULES WHEN BURNING

Burning hours shall be from 8:00 am to sunset with the exception of recreational fires.

No burning shall take place on days when wind is predicted to be 10 mph or greater creating a hazard or when red flag warnings of high fire danger are forecasted.

Have available fire fighting equipment such as shovels, buckets and garden hoses or other water supply (if available)

Property owner or their agent shall be in constant attendance until fire is completely

Any damages resulting from open burning will be the responsibility of the person conducting the burning operations.



Photo: Illegal Burn, 2009

RECREATIONAL FIRES:

It is legal to have open outdoor recreational fires such as campfires, ceremonial fires or open pit fires for barbecues in the Meridian city limits as long as all conditions listed below have been met and air quality permits.

Outdoor Recreational Fires must not have a total fuel area larger than 3 feet in diameter and not more than 2 feet in height and can only be used for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth or similar purposes.

Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition. Recreational Fires in approved appliances (example: outdoor fireplace) shall not be conducted within 15 feet of a structure or combustible material. Fires shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished.

It is illegal to burn the following materials at any time:

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| Lawn Clippings | Tar or Tar Paper | Telephone Poles |
| Hazardous Materials | Railroad Ties | Rubber Materials |
| Construction Waste | Oil, Grease | Dead Animals |
| Demolition/Salvage Debris | Household Waste | Asphalt Materials |
| Junk Motor Vehicles | Tires | Preservative-Treated Wood |
| Commercial Waste | Plastics | Pathogenic Waste |
| Industrial Waste | Paints | Insulated Wire |
| | Petroleum Products | |

In All of Ada County, Burn Barrels are strictly prohibited.



Photo: Illegal Burn 2011



Waste Disposal During Construction: Combustible debris, rubbish and waste material shall not be disposed of by burning on the site.

The Fire Department is authorized to order the extinguishment of any open burning that creates or adds to a hazardous or objectionable situation.

You must ensure ahead of time that all burning is conducted in accordance with local ordinances and regulations. Any smoke caused from burning is required to rise up and away from neighbors, highways, and other populated areas. Failure to make these determinations before conducting burning operations may result in a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than \$500 or by imprisonment not exceeding 30 days, or both such fine and imprisonment.