

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 web-site 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**

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

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY CROP RESIDUE BURNING (CRB) PROGRAM

What Grower's Need to Know.....

Idaho's Crop Residue Burning Program is designed to be protective of public health while enabling growers to burn under specific conditions.

Crop Residue burning requires a **special permit** from the Department of Environmental Quality.

For complete conditions, regulations and information please contact the Department of Environmental Quality.

Public access to information on crop residue burning is readily available on the DEQ's web site at:

www.deq.idaho.gov/air-quality/smoke-and-burning/crop-residue-burning/



**Crop Residue Burning Hotline
1-866-224-2456**

Meridian Fire Department
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Meridian, ID 83642
Phone: 208-888-1234
www.meridianfire.org
MeridianFire@meridianscity.org

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**OPEN BURNING
OUTSIDE
CITY LIMITS**

REGULATIONS



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PRIOR TO BURNING

1) If burning between May 10th and October 20th, you must have a burn permit through Idaho Department of Lands. You can obtain a burn permit by visiting BurnPermits.Idaho.Gov. Permits are free and good for 10 days.

2) Call DEQ Air Quality Hotline at 373-0313 for current air conditions.

3) 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).

Fuel areas can be no larger than 4 x 8 feet, and not more than 4 feet in height.

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

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



Photo: Illegal Burn, 2009

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.

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

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

In all of Ada County Burn barrels are strictly prohibited.



Photo: Illegal Burn 2011

What can you burn?

- Irrigation Ditches
- Garden and tree trimmings with branches no larger than 1/2 inch in diameter
- Fence Rows
- Small piles of dry leaves where no leaf pick up service is available.

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 Fire District as long as all conditions listed below have been met and air quality permits. Recreational Fires do not require a burn permit from Idaho Department of Lands.

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 an approved appliance (example: outdoor fireplace) shall not be conducted within 15 feet of a structure or combustible material.