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Fire safety burn permits required starting May 10

(BOISE) – Starting May 10, Idahoans must obtain a fire safety burn permit from the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) before starting certain controlled burn activities. The permits can be obtained online at <http://www.burnpermits.idaho.gov> or in person at [IDL offices statewide](#).

The fire safety burn permit is free of charge and good for 10 days after it is issued. Permits issued through the self service web site are available seven days a week, issued immediately, and valid immediately.

Idaho law ([38-115](#)) requires any person living outside city limits anywhere in Idaho who plans to burn anything - including crop residue burning and excluding recreational campfires - during closed fire season to obtain a fire safety burn permit. Closed fire season begins May 10 and extends through October 20 every year.

Residents also are encouraged to contact their local city or rural fire department before burning because some incorporated cities and towns may require their own burn permit. IDL will not issue fire safety burn permits within districts where local burn bans are in effect. Additionally, residents should contact the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality for burn restriction information for air quality by calling (800) 633-6247 or visiting <http://deq.idaho.gov/air-quality.aspx>.

If there are other burning restrictions in effect or additional or alternate permits required, the fire safety burn permit web site will provide instructions for Idahoans on how to contact those entities. The web application was updated in April to make it easier for the public to use. Improvements to the web site include new instructions on how to use an interactive map to find, place or move a burn site location, and new ways for burners to add contact information. The web site also is now compatible with all commonly used web browsers and can print burn permits on a full page.

The fire safety burn permit system helps inform fire managers where burning activities are occurring, reducing the number of false runs to fires and saving firefighting resources for instances in which they are truly needed. It also enables fire managers to respond more quickly to fires that escape, potentially reducing the liability of the burner if their fire escapes.

Contact information for IDL offices where fire safety burn permits can be obtained in person is available at <http://www.idl.idaho.gov/areas/index.html>.

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