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Fire safety burn permits no longer required this year

(BOISE) – After October 20, a fire safety burn permit from the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) is no longer required until next year for burning activities outside city limits.

The permits are required from May 10 to October 20 every year during “closed fire season” and can be obtained online at burnpermits.idaho.gov or in person at [IDL offices statewide](#).

People still should check with the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, tribal reservations if applicable, and local fire departments before burning for potential burning limitations and required permits.

Idaho law ([38-115](#)) requires any person who plans to burn anything outside city limits anywhere in Idaho – including crop residue burning and excluding recreational campfires – during closed fire season to obtain a fire safety burn permit.

Even though a fire safety burn permit is not required outside closed fire season, the permit may still be obtained year round.

The fire safety burn permit system informs 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.

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.

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