



# Jackson Hole Fire/EMS Operations Manual

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## PURPOSE

Open burning is regulated within the State of Wyoming by a number of agencies. Air quality standards and regulations have been updated at a state and federal level. The intent of this policy is to ensure compliance with local, state and federal regulations.

## SECTION I – RESIDENTIAL OPEN BURNING

1. Open burning shall not be conducted prior to approval by the State of Wyoming, Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division.
2. Waste matter shall not be burned, which shall in burning cause or create a dense smoke or odor, such as old hay, straw, manure, etc..
3. If the wind is blowing in excess of 5 miles per hour, open burning shall not be conducted.
4. Fire shall be kept small and materials fed into it.
5. Open burns shall be no closer than 50 feet to structures, un-groomed grass, brush or other wildland areas.
6. A charged garden hose with sufficient length to reach around the fire or other fire extinguishing equipment sufficient to control the fire shall be readily available for use at open burning sites.
7. Open burns shall have a responsible person in attendance at all times, and shall have a phone at the burn site by which the Teton County Law Enforcement Dispatch may contact them.
8. All burning shall be done during daylight hours, unless pre-approved by this office during regular business hours.

9. The person(s) conducting open burns shall notify Teton County Law Enforcement Dispatch before igniting the fire. Each day of open burning shall be considered a separate burn and notification shall be required.

## **SECTION II – COMMERCIAL OPEN BURNING**

1. Open burning shall not be conducted prior to approval by the State of Wyoming, Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division.
2. Commercial slash burns, with multiple piles or single pile 15 feet or more in diameter, may require an on-site inspection by the department prior to ignition. The responsible party shall contact the Teton County Department of Health and the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division prior to ignition.
3. Waste matter shall not be burned, which shall in burning cause or create a dense smoke or odor, such as old hay, straw, manure, etc.
4. If the wind is blowing in excess of 5 miles per hour, open burning shall not be conducted.
5. A means to promote burning shall be provided for large compact piles in the form of piped combustion air, fuel manipulation or other means.
6. Fuels within 50 feet of piles shall be reduced or eliminated prior to ignition.
7. Approved fire extinguishing equipment, suitable for the size of the burn, shall be readily available for use at open burning sites.
8. Open burns shall have a responsible, English speaking, adult in attendance at all times, and shall have a phone at the burn site by which the Teton County Law Enforcement Dispatch may contact them.
9. All burning shall be done during daylight hours, unless pre-approved by this office during regular business hours.
10. The person(s) conducting open burns shall notify Teton County Law Enforcement Dispatch before igniting the fire. Each day of open burning shall be considered a separate burn and notification shall be required.
11. Any burn in violation of these guidelines is subject to citation.

## **SECTION III - RECREATIONAL CAMPFIRES**

1. Recreational Campfires shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible materials, unless contained in an established barbeque pit (concrete). Barbeque pits shall not be closer than 10 feet from a combustible wall. Campfires 25 feet or more from a structure or combustible material shall be within an established fire ring.

2. Any conditions, such as tall grasses, which would allow the fire to spread shall be eliminated prior to the fire being ignited.
3. Fire extinguishing materials, such as extinguishers, dirt, hose, etc. shall be immediately available.
4. The fire shall be constantly attended.
5. The fire shall be completely extinguished prior to being abandoned.
6. Campfires may not be conducted during periods of fire closures.