



OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF MORGAN COUNTY, COLORADO

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MORGAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Report information on
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BURN PERMITS

Burn permits can be issued by the sheriff's office to conduct certain burning that would otherwise not be allowed by the ban. The procedure is fairly simple;

- Submit an application for a permit - come into the sheriff's office during business hours (at 801 E. Beaver in Fort Morgan) or go to our website at www.morgansheriff.net and submit your application electronically. **Please give us 24-48 hours notice before you want to burn so we can schedule someone to come out and meet with you!**

- Someone from the sheriff's office will then call you to set up an appointment to meet with you and evaluate where and how you want to conduct your burn. A cell phone number to contact you if you are away from home or work will be a great help so we can contact you in as short a time as possible.

- If the permit is approved, you will be issued a permit that you keep. The permit is generally good for 7 days. Ongoing permits may be issued in special circumstances.

- **A permit may be denied** if we feel there would be a danger to life or property if granted. We may request certain concessions be met prior to approval (increased area of non-combustible material, smaller pile to burn, etc.)

- **We cannot issue burn permits for fires that involve burning of the following:** hydrocarbon materials – plastics, rubber, asphalt shingles, tires, lumber or poles treated with creosote, motor oils, etc. Burning of these items is a violation of Colorado's Clean Air Act and you must contact the Colorado Department of Health at (303) 692-3174 (or access their website; www.cdphe.state.co.us/ap/smoke/ExceptionsOpenBurn.html).

If you receive a burn permit, or even if you are able to legally conduct a burn within the parameters of the ban, we ask that you do it with the utmost care! **Carelessly or recklessly starting or maintaining a fire is a crime and during this time of drought and given recent weather conditions, it is very more important that you burn with care!**

When you burn;

- **Check the weather** prior to the day(s) you want to burn to avoid days when wind is forecast or weather changes could bring unexpected winds.

NOTE: if a RED FLAG WARNING is issued for Morgan County, NO BURNING IS ALLOWED, permit or not!

- **Call the sheriff's office at 867-2461** prior to starting your burn. Give dispatch the location of your fire so if someone would report your burn as a fire, the fire department will not be sent needlessly.

- **Have a plan** – what if the fire gets away from me? How far will I try and stop it before I call for help? We would rather you err on the side of caution and if it gets away, call 911.

- **DO NOT leave your fire unattended!** This is a significant cause of unintentional fires. When you do leave, make sure hot spots have been



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broken up, watered down and/or buried deep enough that nothing can flare up later on.

Besides careless/reckless burning, it is also a violation to burn outside the parameters of this fire ban. We ask that everyone comply with these rules so enforcement does not become necessary. If you have questions, please give us a call - business hours, 542-3445, and 24-hours a day you can call 867-2461.

We appreciate everyone's patience during this time. We wish to impact our residents as little as possible but also want to reduce the workload on and keep our volunteer firefighters as safe as possible, along with you and your property! **THANK YOU!!!**

Jim Crone, Morgan County Sheriff