



# TELLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE OPEN BURNING PERMIT REGULATIONS

**In accordance with Teller County Ordinance 17, the Teller County Sheriff shall implement an "Open Burning Permit System". The Open Burning Permit allows for safe burning of slash, slash piles, forest management slash and debris. Open Burning Permits are issued by Teller County Sheriff's Department, 11400 Highway 24, Divide, Colorado. Phone number (719) 687-9652. The fee is \$10.00 and permits expire 1 year after issue date.**

## **WHEN IS A PERMIT NOT REQUIRED FOR OPEN BURNING?**

- Burning of materials contained in an outdoor fireplace, barbecue grill, or pit and with a total fuel area of 3 feet (914mm) or less in diameter and 2 feet (610mm) or less in height used for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking or similar purposes.
- Small campfires within permanent fire pits or fire grates located on developed picnic grounds, camp grounds, public and private lands within the county.
- Firing of model rockets, welding or operating acetylene or other torches with an open flame.

## **WHEN IS A PERMIT REQUIRED FOR OPEN BURNING?**

All persons must have a Teller County Sheriff's Office Open Burning Permit for the burning of materials not contained in an outdoor fireplace, barbecue grill, or pit and with a total fuel area of **MORE THAN** 3 feet (915mm) in diameter and/or **MORE THAN** 2 feet (611mm) in height.

## **FIREWORKS ARE ILLEGAL AT ALL TIMES IN TELLER COUNTY PERMITS UNAVAILABLE**

### **EXCEPTION: Professional commercial fireworks display PERMIT REQUIRED**

**In addition to the required Teller County Sheriff's Office "Open Burning Permit", you should contact your local fire department or fire district to learn of additional open burning requirements or restrictions.**

**WITHIN THE CITY OF WOODLAND PARK, open burning is NOT permitted. Within Northeast Teller County Fire District, a site inspection must be done PRIOR to obtaining a burn permit. Please contact them at (719) 687-1866.**



## OPEN BURNING REGULATIONS

1. No open burning of rubbish is allowed in Teller County. Rubbish includes paper, trash, garbage, useless waste, rejected or unused matter, organic or inorganic refuse, rejected or waste foods, offal, and tires. Only untreated, natural wood, leaves, dry prairie grass, slash and weeds may be burned.
2. If an open burn is to be conducted or assisted by someone other than the legal owner of the property, including any third-party organization or group, written permission from the legal owner must be submitted with the Open Burn Permit Application.
3. The Permittee and any third-party organization or group conducting or assisting with the Open Burn must provide proof of insurance with the Open Burn Permit Application.
4. Burning in barrels or incinerators is not allowed.
5. The permittee shall only burn in piles that do not exceed 8'x8'x8'. Limbs may not exceed 6" in diameter.
6. Only one pile may be burned per day unless additional piles are approved to be burned by the local Fire Chief and the Sheriff in writing in advance.
7. No more than 50 piles can be burned during the life of the permit.
8. Materials must not be ignited later than 2:00 p.m. All fires must be completely extinguished no later than sunset. Open burning is not permitted to continue overnight. "Ignition of material" includes both starting a fire and adding more material to an existing fire.
9. Open burning (campfires; see below) must be at least 50 feet (15,240mm) away from any structure or other combustible materials and all combustible debris must be cleared within a 50-foot radius. Be observant of tree limbs and electrical wires overhead.
10. A garden hose connected to a water supply or other approved fire-extinguisher equipment MUST be readily available for use at open burning sites.
11. Burning material must be constantly attended by a person knowledgeable in the use of the required fire-extinguishing equipment, familiar with the Open Burning Regulations and must be attended until all burning materials have been extinguished.
12. Barbecues and pits must be at least 10 feet (3048mm) away from combustible walls or roofs or other combustible materials.
13. Campfires must be contained within a designated fire pit that is at least 25 feet away from all structures or other combustible materials and all combustible materials must be cleared in a 25-foot radius. Fire pits must be less than 3 feet in diameter or less than 3 feet in length and width, and at least 18 inches in depth. A garden hose connected to a water supply or other approved fire-extinguishing equipment

MUST be readily available. All campfires must be attended by a person knowledgeable in the use of fire extinguishing equipment until the fire is completely out.

14. This permit shall be retained by the burn supervisor and shall be shown upon request of appropriate officials without delay. All open burning operations shall be subject to inspection.
15. During publicly announced periods of AIR POLLUTION EMERGENCY or ALERT, all permits are suspended in alert areas. In such cases, burning may be conducted only with direct written permission from the granting authority.
16. The permittee is responsible for checking the daily air quality forecast before igniting the burn to ensure that no Air Pollution Alert or Ozone Action Day alert has been issued for the location of the burn. For more information: [www.colorado.gov/airquality](http://www.colorado.gov/airquality).
17. The permittee, permittee's employees, agents and assignees and any third-party organization or group involved with the open burning shall abide by the conditions and restrictions contained herein. Any violations of these conditions and restrictions shall render this permit null and void and subject the violator to liability and penalties as allowed by law.

**WHEN IN DOUBT – CALL YOUR LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT**

|                           |                |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| CRIPPLE CREEK FIRE        | (719) 689-0240 |
| DIVIDE FIRE               | (719) 687-8773 |
| FLORISSANT FIRE           | (719) 748-3909 |
| FOUR MILE FIRE            | (719) 689-3417 |
| GREEN MTN FALLS FIRE      | (719) 684-2293 |
| MOUNTAIN COMMUNITIES FIRE | (719) 687-9652 |
|                           | (719) 687-1858 |
| NORTHEAST TELLER FIRE     | (719) 687-1866 |
| VICTOR FIRE               | (719) 689-0866 |

**REMEMBER: YOU MUST NOTIFY THE TELLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
BEFORE PERFORMING ANY OPEN BURNING AND AFTER THE FIRE IS COMPLETELY OUT**

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the Teller County Sheriff's Office Open Burning Permit regulations as set forth above and agree to comply with these regulations and with Teller County Ordinance #17, Open Fire Ban and Burn Permit Ordinance.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



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OPEN BURNING PERMIT APPLICATION

You **MUST** notify the Sheriff's Office prior to the start of any open burning and when the fire is completely out. Call (719) 687-9652, option 6, 24 Hours per day.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

\*\*\*\*\*OFFICE USE ONLY\*\*\*\*\*

TOWNSHIP \_\_\_\_\_ RANGE \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_ LAT. \_\_\_\_\_

LONG \_\_\_\_\_

FIRE DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

SITE INSPECTION COMPLETED

YES

NO

FIRE INSPECTOR SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

TCSO PERMIT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\*\*OFFICE USE ONLY\*\*\*\*\*

DATE ISSUED \_\_\_\_\_

EXPIRATION DATE \_\_\_\_\_

TCSO SUPERVISOR SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

(City) \_\_\_\_\_

(State) \_\_\_\_\_

(Zip Code) \_\_\_\_\_

BURN ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

(City) \_\_\_\_\_

(Subdivision) \_\_\_\_\_

IS BURN SITE INSIDE CITY LIMITS\*  YES  NO

(\* If you live inside city limits you must contact city fire officials to obtain permission to burn. TCSO does **NOT** issue permits to residents inside city limits of Woodland Park, Cripple Creek or Victor)

WHAT FIRE DISTRICT IS THE PROPERTY IN: \_\_\_\_\_

PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR BURN SITE: \_\_\_\_\_

PROOF OF INSURANCE: Responsible Person must provide the Sheriff's Office with proof of current insurance.

IS ANY THIRD-PARTY ORGANIZATION OR GROUP, INCLUDING ANY VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION OR GROUP, ASSISTING WITH THE BURN SITE?  YES  NO

IF YES, PROVIDE THE NAMES OF ALL THIRD-PARTY ORGANIZATIONS, GROUPS AND/OR ENTITIES: \_\_\_\_\_

PROOF OF 3<sup>RD</sup> PARTY INSURANCE: Any third-party organization or group involved in the burn must provide the Sheriff's Office with proof of current insurance.

DESCRIPTION OF BURN SITE (fence row, ditch, burn barrel, open area, size, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF MATERIAL BEING BURNED (wood, slash, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

LIST ALL FIRE CONTROL EQUIPMENT BEING USED (water supply, shovels, fire extinguisher, etc.):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

***Each of the undersigned certifies that the above statements are true and that each has read and understands the conditions of this Open Burning Permit and that each will comply with Teller County Ordinance #17 "Open Fire Ban and Burn Permit Ordinance" and the Teller County Sheriff's Office Open Burniong Permit Regulations.***

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>rd</sup> Party Organization or Group Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>rd</sup> Party Organization or Group Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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**THIS PERMIT IS SUBJECT TO ALL CONDITIONS LISTED BELOW**

1. Permission from the Teller County Sheriff's Office **MUST** be obtained on each day of open burning and prior to starting a fire. TCSO (719) 687-9652, Option 6, 24 hours per day.
2. Fires must be completely out by sunset. When the fire is completely out, you **MUST** notify the Teller County Sheriff's Office (719) 687-9652, option 6, 24 hours per day.
3. All open burning is prohibited in Teller County during a Red Flag Warning, Teller County Fire Ban, or Fire Restrictions as issued by the Teller County Sheriff's Office.
4. You should contact your local fire department or fire district for additional open burning requirements or restrictions.
5. An adequate water supply and/or fire extinguisher and other fire fighting tools must be readily available in case of emergency.
6. Emergency vehicles **MUST** have access and be able to reach the burn location at all times.
7. At **NO** time shall the burning be left unattended. Burning shall be supervised by one or more responsible adults (depending on the type of burning). The Open Burning Permit must be on site. Precautions shall be taken to localize the burning, and in no way shall the burning constitute a fire hazard to persons or property within or adjacent to the area of burning.
8. No person may kindle or maintain a fire that consists of hazardous materials.
9. No Open Burning of Rubbish is allowed in Teller County. Rubbish includes paper, garbage, trash, useless waste, rejected or unused matter, organic or inorganic refuse, rejected or waste foods, offal, and tires.
10. Burning is not authorized for the hours between dusk to dawn.
11. **Burning shall be restricted to the items and location contained in the TCSO Open Burning Permit. All open burning shall be subject to inspection by the Teller County Sheriff's Office and the local fire authority. (Permit **MUST** be shown upon request.)**
12. All building contractors **MUST** have a permit for each burn location.
13. The undersigned agrees to meet the requirements set forth in this permit. This permit can be revoked if applicant fails to comply with the guidelines stated above. Fines and/or costs to extinguish and repair damage caused will be assessed to applicant for failure to comply with these guidelines.

**THIS PERMIT EXPIRES ONE YEAR AFTER DATE OF ISSUE.** I acknowledge that I have read and understand the Teller County Sheriff's Office Open Burning Permit regulations as set forth.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_