State of Alaska
Division of Forestry

“Take Time to LEARN
Before You Burn”
What is the “Take Time To LEARN Before You Burn” Campaign?
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| **Bail Schedule:** |
| May 2019: | Draft Bail Schedule submitted to Alaska Supreme Court for review and approval |
| June 2, 2019: | Bail schedule fully adopted |
Updated Small Scale Burn Permit

Old Permit - Exterior

General Burn Permit
Division of Forestry

Instructions for Safe and Legal Burning

Issued by authority of Rick Andrew
Burn Advisory Board - 907-761-6121

The permittee shall have this permit in his possession at all times while burning and shall display it upon request to any AKM authorized agent of the Commissioner;

Note: For portions of the year when permits are not required, burn must still be conducted as a safer manner subject to Alaska Statutes 41.15.140 through 41.15.530.

General Burn Permit

Permits are required from April 1 thru August 31

Important: You must call the Burn Permit Advisory line before burning:
907-761-6312

SAFE BURNING REQUIREMENTS

Burning is authorized subject to the following:

- No burning during windy periods. Check your local area conditions by phone or http://forestry.alaska.gov/burn
- Construct a firebreak 10 ft. wide down to mineral soil around the pile to be burned before lighting the fire.
- At least 1 adult must attend the fire at all times until the burning pile is completely out.
- When preparing to burn a lawn, move the area, rake it, and wet down the outer 8 ft. perimeter.
- At least 3 adults must be present for a lawn burn.
- You must have sufficient tools and water at the site to control the fire.
- Do not burn piles or burn barrels within 30 ft. of structures or under utility lines. For burn barrel requirements, see diagram on page 2.
- No burning is allowed of any substance which creates black smoke, toxic gases, or odors which affect nearby persons.
- Call the number listed for the Division of Forestry for the latest area burn advisory.

For more information, visit our website: forestry.alaska.gov/burn

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Alaska Division of Forestry
Mat-Su Area

New Permit - Exterior

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SAFE BURNING REQUIREMENTS

Burning is authorized subject to the following:

- You are REQUIRED to call the Burn Permit Hotline before burning if weather conditions become hotter, drier or windier
907-883-1413 ext. 2303

- This permit is issued by the Alaska Division of Forestry as authorized by 41.15.010 (protection from wildland fires), 41.15.090 (fire season) and 41.15.060 (permits).
- This burn permit may be denied, suspended or revoked by an authorized employee of the Alaska Division of Forestry, 11 AAC 95.420 (Denial, suspension, or revocation of permit).

- The permittee shall sign this permit and possess it while burning and shall display it upon request. 11 AAC 95.422 (Permit requirements).

- Non-compliance with this permit may lead to a fine or criminal prosecution. This permit does not relieve the permittee from responsibility for damage from an unpermitted burn or escaped fire.

- CAMPING, COOKING AND WARMING FIRES
A campfire not more than three feet in diameter and two feet in height or a commercially manufactured outdoor burning device does NOT require a burn permit.

- LARGE SCALE BURN PERMITS
To burn a brush pile larger than ten feet in diameter and four feet in height, more than one pile at a time, or undertaking burning more complex than allowed under this permit, you must contact the nearest Alaska Division of Forestry Fire Prevention Office listed on the front of this permit, either by phone or in person, to request information about obtaining a Large Scale Burn Permit 11 AAC 95.416 (Large Scale burn permits).

- COMMON BURNING VIOLATIONS
  - Burning during adverse weather conditions (dry, windy) or during a burn permit suspension or burn closures.
  - Failure to possess a valid burn permit.
  - Burning that exceeds the scope of the permit.
  - Burning materials that emit black smoke, noxious odors or toxic fumes. Examples may include plastic, rubber, vinyl, animal waste, and other hazardous materials.
  - Failure to clear the ground around a campfire, brush pile or burn barrel.
  - Leaving a fire unattended or not fully extinguishing a fire until it is cold to the touch.

For more information visit: http://forestry.alaska.gov/

Tok Area Forestry
Fire Prevention Office
Bar 10
Mile 127 Tok Cutoff
Tel. 907-761-3460

State of Alaska Division of Forestry
SMALL SCALE BURN PERMIT
Required from April 1st - August 31st

You are REQUIRED to call the Burn Permit Hotline prior to the start of any burning or if conditions get hotter, drier or windier
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Updated Small Scale Burn Permit

**Old Permit - Interior**

- **Camping and Warming Fires**
  - Campfires for warming fires must not exceed 3 ft in diameter.

- **Burn Barrels (New Changes)**
  - A General Burn Permit is required when burning in a burn barrel.
  - Burn barrels are included under burn suspensions and burn closures.
  - You are only allowed to burn paper, untreated wood, and organic debris in your burn barrel.

- **Lawn Burns**
  - You are allowed to burn up to a one acre and four inches in height.

- **Pile Burning**
  - At least 3 adults must immediately attend the fire.
  - Only burn dry leaves and wood; no more than 6 ft.
  - Maintain the pile small and manageable, feeding the pile as you go.

- **Common mistakes that lead to violations**
  - Leaving a fire unattended.
  - Not checking online and listening to the burn advisory line.
  - Not having a General Burn Permit on scene following safe burning requirements.

**New Permit - Interior**

- **BURN BARREL REQUIREMENTS**
  - **65 Gallon Barrel**
    - Circular, outdoor metal drum, in good condition, with a more than a 55 gallon capacity.
    - Metal mesh cover on top in good condition, with mesh opening no larger than 5/8”.
  - At least three evenly spaced 3” square holes covered with metal mesh along the bottom.
  - Situated on top of non-burnable materials.

- **SMALL PILE BURNING REQUIREMENTS**
  - **Lawn Burning Requirements**
    - Maintain an 8 foot west perimeter on the ground around the burn at all times.
    - Stay with the burn until it is completely out and cold to the touch.

- **Large-Scale Burns**
  - If planning on burning, and burning anything larger than a 3 ft diameter, you must call the Division of Forestry to apply for large-scale burn permit.
  - For an appointment with a Prevention Officer to come out and inspect before you conduct a large-scale burn.

Do not burn within 30’ of structures and power lines.
DOF Local Permit:

**State of Alaska Division of Forestry**

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Tok Area Forestry
Fire Prevention Office
Box 10
Mile 123 Tok Cutoff
Tok, AK 99780
907-883-1400

For information visit:
http://forestry.alaska.gov/

To receive NIXLE alerts from local agencies TEXT YOUR ZIP CODE TO 888777 TO OPT-IN

DOF Statewide Permit:

**SMALL SCALE BURN PERMIT**

Required from April 1st - August 31st

All permitted burning is prohibited during hot, dry or windy conditions or if a burn closure is in effect

This permit is only valid on State, municipal or private lands where burning may not be subject to other Federal, State or local laws and regulations that are more restrictive.

For information regarding burn permit requirements or burning conditions contact your nearest Division of Forestry Office:

- Copper River: 907-822-5534
- Delta: 907-895-2108
- Fairbanks: 907-451-2629
- Kenai-Kodiak: 907-260-4260
- Mat-Su: 907-761-6305
- McGrath: 907-524-3010
- Statewide Office: 907-761-6230
- Tok: 907-883-1400

For more information, visit:
http://forestry.alaska.gov/
https://fire.alaska.gov

**Distinguishing colors**

Pre-burning requirements vary

Prevents Statewide permit from being used where there are local requirements

Contact information varies

Additional information varies
11 AAC 95.422 Permit Conditions *(formerly 11 AAC 95.420)*
- Clear definition to:
  - permit minimum requirements
  - what the permit holders must adhere to
  - permit holder responsibility to comply with all federal, state, and municipal laws and regulations

11 AAC 95.430 Denial, suspension or revocation of permit
- Expands the Division’s authority to deny, suspend or revoke burn permits

11 AAC 95.460 Public Notice
- Updated to include the internet for notifications

11 AAC 95.470 Environmental control
- Removed general references to 18 AAC 60, Solid Waste Regulations and 18 AAC 50, Air Quality Control Regulations
- Replaced to clearly specify only permitted burning allowed under 18 AAC 50.056(b),(c) and(d), Air Quality Regulations
- Enforceable during permit season only if imminent threat to wildland. Outside info is forwarded to DEC

11 AAC 95.495 Definitions *(formerly 11 AAC 95.900)*
- Clear definition of an “approved burning device”, “burn barrel”, “forested land”, etc.
Wildland Fire Prevention Program Changes

• “Take the Time to LEARN Before You Burn” WUI granted awarded ($270k)
  • Multi year statewide public education campaign directed at promoting a variety of resource and wildland fire prevention focused programs including: Firewise, RSG, HB 355, Stewardship, Spruce bark beetles, permitted burning and newly adopted laws, regulations and bail schedule.
  • Focus is a 10% annual decrease in Human Caused wildfires (per 1,000 residents) in DOF WUI protection areas over the course of a four-year period beginning in 2019.

• Extensive updates to Wildland Fire Prevention Policies and Procedures
• Extensive updates to the Small and Large scale permitted burning programs including the website
• Development of new enforcement/investigation policies and Wildland Fire Prevention Enforcement training course.
Questions?