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BURN PERMITS

As Northwest Montana moves closer to the summer fire season, the Flathead County Fire Departments have imposed the annual end to burning permits.

It is illegal to burn without a permit during the May 1st through September 30th Forest Fire Season. Violators can be fined and billed for the cost of extinguishing an illegal fire. As of July 1st all Rural Fire Districts in Flathead County will stop issuing permits. During this closure the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation as well as the U.S. Forest Service refrain from issuing permits.

Burning permits are not required for campfires or barbecues. Under state law a campfire is defined as a fire set for cooking, warming or ceremonial purposes; not more than 3 feet in diameter or height; void of overhanging branches; with all combustible material cleared at least 1-1/2 times the diameter of the fire.

Never leave your campfire unattended and keep your shovel and bucket handy. Most importantly, don't abandon your campsite until you are sure your fire is DEAD OUT. Please help us to prevent forest fires.

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