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**MONTANA FIREFIGHTER TRAINING
OPEN BURNING PERMIT APPLICATION**

1. General Information

a. Name of Fire Department: _____

b. Mailing Address: _____
PO Box or Street City State ZIP

c. Contact Person: _____

d. Telephone No.: _____ e. Email: _____

2. List all materials that you may wish to burn including tires, asphalt shingles, tar paper, automobile or aircraft bodies and interiors, chemicals, standing or demolished structures, oil or petroleum products, and insulated wire.

3. Fire Department Representatives Authorized Signature:

Authorized Signature Printed Name Date

Return the completed Firefighter Training Open Burning Permit Application to:

DEQ - Air Quality Bureau
P.O. Box 200901
Helena, MT 59620
Or
Email: deq-armb-admin@mt.gov

Telephone: (406) 444-3490 FAX: (406) 444-1499

The estimated time for DEQ to process a correctly completed application form is 35 days from the date of publication of the public notice or the date DEQ receives your application, whichever is later. The Department decision is not final unless 15 days have elapsed from the date of permit issuance and there is no request for a hearing before the Board of Environmental Review. Please refer to the Administrative Rules of Montana 17.8.615.



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MONTANA FIREFIGHTER TRAINING OPEN BURNING PERMIT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

PLEASE NOTE:

The intentional burning of buildings is considered demolition. According to the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP), if a facility is demolished by intentional burning all asbestos-containing material, including non-friable asbestos, must be removed in accordance with the asbestos regulations before burning. Therefore, all asphalt shingles, flooring, siding, insulation, or any material which might contain asbestos, must be removed from structures prior to the training burn unless samples of the materials are analyzed by an accredited laboratory and are shown to be asbestos-free. Sampling of the potential asbestos-containing materials must be done by a state-accredited asbestos inspector. The removal of asbestos-containing material must be done in accordance with all federal, state, and OSHA regulations. **Before any asbestos material can be removed, a permit may be required from the Asbestos Control Program of the Montana Department of Environmental Quality.**

Regardless of whether or not asbestos is found in or on the facility, notification of the demolition by intentional burning is required. A copy of the notification must be received by the department at least 10 days prior to the burn and specific permission for the burn must be granted by the department prior to ignition.

For the protection of public health and safety, there are certain materials which are not to be open burned. Special allowances are made for firefighter training (denoted with **asterisks ***), but the permittee must remove all prohibited materials that can safely and reasonably be removed prior to the training burn. Prohibited materials include, but are not limited to: food wastes; Styrofoam, vinyl, and other plastics; wastes generating noxious odors; wood and wood byproducts that have been coated, painted, stained or contaminated by a foreign material; poultry litter; animal droppings; dead animals or parts; **tires***; rubber materials; **asphalt shingles***; **tar paper***; **automobile or aircraft bodies and interiors***; **insulated wire***; **oil or petroleum products***; treated lumber and timbers; pathogenic wastes; hazardous wastes; trade wastes; any material from a salvage operation; **chemicals***; Christmas tree waste; asbestos or asbestos-containing material; and **standing or demolished structures***.

In accordance with Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 17.8.515 the Firefighter Open Burning Application requires submission of a \$25.00 application fee. An air quality open burning permit application incomplete until the proper open burning fee is paid to the Department.

Return the completed Firefighter Training Open Burning Permit Application and Application Fee to:

DEQ - Air Quality Bureau
P.O. Box 200901
Helena, MT 59620

Email: deg-armb-admin@mt.gov

Telephone: (406) 444-3490
FAX: (406) 444-1499

Attachment: Public Notice Format

Instructions to Applicants for Firefighting Training Open Burning Permit

The notice below must be published no earlier than 10 days prior to the date your application will be submitted to the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (Department), Permitting and Compliance Division, and no later than 10 days following the date of submittal. The notice is to be published once in the legal notice section of a newspaper of general circulation where the firefighter training exercise is to be conducted. Questions regarding an appropriate newspaper should be addressed to the Department's Permitting and Compliance Division. **Any fees associated with publication of this notice are the responsibility of the permit applicant. A newspaper copy of the published notice(s) and the affidavit of publication must be submitted to the Department before the application can be processed.**

This notice is required by ARM Title 17, Chapter 8, Subchapter 6, Rule 17.8.615 Firefighter Training.

PUBLIC NOTICE	
Notice of Application for Air Quality Permit (pursuant to Section 75-2-211, MCA, and ARM Title 17, Chapter 8, Subchapter 6, Open Burning),	
_____	<i>name of applicant(s)</i>
_____	on or about _____
<i>has filed/will file</i>	<i>date</i>
an application for a conditional air quality firefighter training burning permit from the Air, Energy & Mining Division of the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (Department). Applicant(s) seeks approval of its/their application to conduct firefighter training exercises which may include burning of	

<i>brief description of type of material to be burned</i>	
at _____	
<i>(county/counties in which the open burning is to take place)</i>	

<u>Any member of the public with questions or who wishes to receive notice of the Department's determination, and the location where a copy of the application and the Department's analysis of it can be reviewed, or to submit comments on the application, must contact the Department at DEQ-Air Quality Bureau, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, Montana 59620-0901, phone (406) 444-3490.</u>	
Any comments on the application must be submitted within 20 days after publication of this notice or filing of the application, whichever is later. Our decision to approve or deny an application for a conditional open burning permit may be reviewed by the Board of Environmental Review (Board) according to the following procedure:	
When we approve or deny the application for a conditional open burning permit under this section, a person who is jointly or severally adversely affected by our decision may request, within 15 days after the decision, upon affidavit setting forth the grounds therefor, a hearing before the Board. A hearing shall be held under the provisions of the Montana Administrative Procedures Act.	
Our decision on the application is not final unless 15 days have elapsed and there is no request for a hearing under this section. The filing of a request for a hearing postpones the effective date of the decision until the conclusion of the hearing and issuance of a final decision by the Board.	



FIREFIGHTER TRAINING OPEN BURNING NOTIFICATION

1. General Information

- a. Name of Fire Department:
b. Firefighter Open Burning Permit Number:
c. Mailing Address:
d. Contact Person:
e. Telephone Number:
f. Email:

2. Burn Site Information

- a. Physical Address:
b. Legal description of burn site:
c. Adjacent land use:
d. Distance and direction to nearest residence or other sensitive areas (schools, hospitals, etc.):

3. Details of Proposed Burn

- a. Burn Date(s): Start Time: End Time:
b. Types of Fuels and Materials to be Burned (check all that apply)
c. Estimated Quantity of Fuel/Materials:
d. Have all reasonably removable prohibited materials been removed?
e. Have all asbestos containing materials been removed?
f. Have adjacent landowners been notified of proposed burns?

4. Educational objective of the exercise:

5. Fire Department Representative Authorized Signature:

Authorized Signature Printed Name Date