

# OPEN BURNING POLICY

Know the rules  
before you burn.

## Open burning includes:

agricultural / development land clearing fires, land management fires, brush piles, and incinerators that do not meet emission standards in 18 AAC 50.050. DEC manages open burns to minimize health impacts from smoke and keep Alaska's air clean.

## You need a Land Clearing Open Burn permit from DEC if:

- you are a farmer or land developer, and,
- your intent is to burn, or clear and burn, 40 acres or more per year

## You need a Black Smoke Approval permit from DEC if:

- you intend to burn petroleum-based materials, asphalt, rubber products, or other materials in a way that gives off black smoke.

## Otherwise, black smoke is prohibited.

For details, visit our Open Burn Information webpage:

[www.state.ak.us/dec/air/ob.htm](http://www.state.ak.us/dec/air/ob.htm)

or call:

907-269-6847 (Southern / Southeast Alaska)

907-451-5173 (Northern Alaska)



Before you burn, verify no  
local burning suspensions  
or bans are in effect.

## Check the Following:

- Air Quality Advisory: [www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/aq\\_sr.htm](http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/aq_sr.htm)
- Division of Forestry: [www.dnr.state.ak.us/forestry/fire/current.htm](http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/forestry/fire/current.htm)
- Municipality of Anchorage (907-267-5020)
- Fairbanks North Star Borough (907-459-1325)
- City and Borough of Juneau (907-586-5333)



## Prohibited open burn items include, but are not limited to:

fertilizers, pesticides, batteries, paint, foam, lead pipes, plastics, etc., as listed in 18 AAC 50.065.

All open burning is prohibited when there  
is an Air Quality Advisory in effect for your  
area.

Call 911 to report a wildland fire or an  
escaped open burn.



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