

Open Burning Permits

Any open burning in KCFD#1 requires a written burn permit, that includes campfires, and bonfires at night time. To apply for a permit application, call the main station phone number in Thorp, (509-964-2435). If no one answers the phone, it will go into the message machine, prompting you to leave your name, mailing address, where you need to burn, and a contact phone number. An application will be sent to you to fill out and return to be processed, then your copy of the permit will be mailed back to you. A person can also visit the main fire station in downtown Thorp and get their permit processed on the spot. Please call ahead to make sure someone will be at the station when you arrive.

Permits are valid from Jan 1, thru Dec. 31, and have to be renewed every year. Cost is \$10.00 for a small permit (4x4 pile maximum size), or a large burn permit at \$15.00 (15 x 15 pile maximum size), this permit would also be required for burning portions of fields, ditch burning, etc.

All active burn permits are subject to burn bans called for by Fire District 1 due to Dept. of Ecology bad air alerts, high wind conditions, or annual dry weather conditions which usually follow the Dept. of Natural Resources burn ban.

Any violations in the burn permit system can result in the fire district responding to put the fire out and the permit holder will be legally held liable for all charges for the cost of all fire engines and manpower that responds, and, fines from the Kittitas County Sheriffs office and/ or fines from the Dept. of Ecology. The simple, common sense rules of the burn permit system are strictly enforced.

By having a burn permit system in KCFD#1 has resulted in our fire call volume being reduced by at least 50%, saving our local taxpayers thousands of dollars.