DAWSON COUNTY
OPEN BURNING REGULATIONS
AND POLICY

AUTHORITY
Effective July 1, 1992 the Dawson County Commissioners, through a written contract, assigned County wide fire protection responsibilities to the West Glendive Fire District Board of Trustees including the regulation of open burning.

OPEN BURNING DEFINED
“Open Burning” means, combustion of any material directly into the open air with exception of small recreational fires.

EFFECTIVE DATE
The following regulations will become effective July 1, 1992 and remain in effect until amended or canceled by the West Glendive Fire District board of Trustees.

PERMIT REQUIRED**SOURCE**NOTIFICATION OF AUTHORITIES
No person shall cause, suffer, allow or permit an open fire within Dawson County excluding the City of Glendive and the Town of Richey except when written permission for such fire is obtained in advance.

Annually, anyone wishing to open burn in Dawson County must contact the Sanitarian’s office (207 West Bell/377-5772) Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The applicant must sign and receive a copy of the “Open Burning Application/Permit.” The permit includes a copy of the “Dawson County Open Burning Regulations and Policy.”

Once you have been issued a permit, it is your responsibility to contact the Glendive Police Department (377-2364) on each day that burning is anticipated and provide the following information:

a. Location of where burn will be conducted
b. Burn Permit number
c. Time when the burn will begin
d. Call when the burn is complete

THE FIRE MUST BE ATTENDED AT ALL TIMES!

LIABILITY
Persons burning without a permit or not conforming to burning regulations will be liable for all fire suppression costs and all damages resulting from such burning.

PROHIBITED OPEN BURNING
The West Glendive Fire District Board of Trustees hereby adopts and incorporates by reference: Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 17.8.604. The following material may not be disposed of by open burning:

a. Any waste which is moved from the premises where it was generated, including that moved to a solid waste disposal site.
b. Food waste
c. Styrofoam and other plastics
d. Wastes generating noxious odors
e. Poultry litter
f. Animal droppings
g. Dead animals or dead animal parts
h. Tires
i. Rubber Materials
j. Paint
k. Standing or demolished structures containing prohibited materials
l. Asphalt shingles
m. Tar paper
n. Automobile bodies and interiors
o. Insulated wire
p. Pathogenic wastes
q. Treated timbers and lumber
r. Hazardous wastes as defined by 40 CFR Part 261
s. Any materials resulting from a salvage operation
t. Chemicals

IMP, Sec 75-2-203 MCA; NEW, 1982 MAR p.689, Eff. 4-16-82
u. Oil or petroleum products
v. Asbestos or asbestos containing materials

FIRE CONTROL
It is the responsibility of all applicants to provide adequate fire suppression equipment to contain all open burning to the area/location and materials as specified in the application for permit.

BURNING RESTRICTIONS
Open burning may be curtailed at any time as ordered by the Dawson County Fire Warden when it is determined to be in the best interest of the public. Severity of conditions will determine whether all burning will be curtailed or whether only non-essential burning will be curtailed. Effective January 1, 2015 by order of the Dawson County Fire Warden, open burning within the West Glendive Fire District MUST be located at least 150 feet from neighboring property.