

## Burning Schedule for Lincoln County

Inside the Air Quality Control District & Impact Zone L

Nov - Mar	<p><b>Burn Season Closed</b> No burning due to air quality concerns.</p>
Apr	<p><b>Management and Residential Burning</b> Permit Required Check Air Quality Hotline at 406-293-5644</p>
May Jun	<p><b>Management Burn Permits Required</b> <a href="http://lincolncountymt.us/environmental-health/air-quality">lincolncountymt.us/environmental-health/air-quality</a> <b>See Information Below</b> Call Lincoln County Air Quality at 406-283-2444</p>
July Aug Sept	<p><b>It's FIRE SEASON in Montana</b> <b>**NO DEBRIS BURNING**</b> Fire season may be extended as conditions warrant.</p>
Oct	<p><b>Management Burn Permit Required</b> No Residential Burning Call Lincoln County Air Quality at 406-283-2444</p>

Burn Permits are required for both Management and Residential Burns in the Air Quality Control District & Impact Zone L. Permits are FREE & available from the Lincoln County Health Department at 283-2442.

For authorization of a proposed Management Burn, contact the fire protection agency for your location:

**Inside Libby Rural Fire District: Steve Lauer 283-1883**

**Outside Libby Rural Fire District: Jennifer Nelson - 283-2322**

In Lincoln County, Air Quality compliance is required for every burn. Call the Air Quality Hotline, the day you plan to burn, for updated ventilation and burning forecast **406-293-5644**

County Burn regulations can be found at:

[lincolncountymt.us/environmental-health/air-quality](http://lincolncountymt.us/environmental-health/air-quality)

## Rules and Guidelines for Safe Burning

- ✓ **Only natural vegetative debris may be burned.**
- ✓ Check the local weather forecast and do not burn when high winds are forecast or when dry conditions prevail.
- ✓ Air Quality compliance is required for every burn. Call **406-293-5644** for ventilation and burning forecast.
- ✓ Build burn piles of manageable size and in areas clear of surrounding or overhanging vegetation.
- ✓ Build piles with dry materials so they burn clean and fast. **Do not burn wet grass, needles, leaves, or material that will smolder or produce excess smoke.**
- ✓ Burn piles should not be closer than 50-ft to any structure or 10-ft from any property line.
- ✓ Fires should be attended until completely out.
- ✓ Fires are not out until cold to the touch with no flame or smoke.
- ✓ Enough tools, water, and people should be available to extinguish your fire if necessary.
- ✓ Call 911 immediately if your fire does burn out of control.
- ✓ Fires are not allowed when burn restrictions are in effect or during periods of impaired air quality.
- ✓ Fires must be completely extinguished if any emission from the fire is detrimental to the health, safety, or welfare of any person; if it causes damage to property or business; or if it causes a nuisance to others.
- ✓ Landing piles must be broken apart & completely extinguished before the end of the permit period.
- ✓ Ignition may only occur during daylight hours.

**“Residential Burning”** means any outdoor burning conducted on a residential, farm, or ranch property to dispose of vegetative wastes.

**“Management Burning”** means any person, agency, institution, business or industry conducting any outdoor burning for any purpose except residential burning, including forestry/wildlife management, licensed landfill management, firefighter training exercises, commercial film productions, or fuel hazard reduction which is designated as necessary by a fire protection agency.

**Fire Districts may recover costs incurred during response, control, or suppression of an unlawful or out-of-control fire. The person burning assumes responsibility for any damage, by emission or flame, to any structure, utility line/pole, tree or shrub, road or right-of-way, or other public or private edifice.**