

Debris Burning Checklist

Pre-Burn Checklist

- Have you considered other alternatives to burning?
- Have you obtained your burn permit? **(When required, May 1st-June 30th)**
- Have you checked the weather forecast? Forecasted winds?
- Have you checked to see if it is a “Burn or No Burn Day?” **Air Quality- 1.800.225.6779**
- Have you notified proper authorities of your burn, i.e. Location & size?
 - Lake Co. No notifications are necessary
 - Sanders Co. 826-3061
 - Missoula Co. 728-0911
 - Flathead Co. 758-5260

Before You Light

- Have you scouted the area you are going to burn?
- Do you have control lines between your land and adjacent lands?
- Have you cleared weeds and grass around telephone poles, Utility boxes, gas meters, propane tanks, cottonwood trees, corrals or sheds?
- Have you created fire breaks to keep your fire from spreading beyond the intended burn area or piles?
- Do you have adequate equipment, tools, water and personnel on site to keep your fire from escaping?

While You're Burning

- Keep your fires small: avoid burning large areas at one time.
- Always burn against the wind and be cautious of wind shifts.
- If winds increase, consider extinguishing your fire.
- Monitor your fire at **ALL TIMES!!**

After the Burn

- Walk the fire perimeter: check for any smoldering piles or debris that could reignite if winds increase.
- Spread any hotspots around with a rake or other tool. If water is available, use it to cool hotspots.
- Pile burns should be monitored for a few days after your burn.
- **STAY ON SITE UNTIL YOUR FIRE IS OUT!!**

The number one cause of wildfires on the Flathead Indian Reservation is **CARELESS DEBRIS BURNING**. Burning on windy days, when it is too hot and dry or leaving their burns unattended are the most common reasons.

Don't let your fire escape!!!