

Burning Permit Information

Why do you have to activate the permit daily before burning?

When the permit is activated, it shows on a map. The map is viewed by local dispatch offices, law enforcement and fire departments. To provide a clear map for these emergency managers, the map is reset every day at 8:00 a.m., so they know who is actively burning that day.

If you have a burning permit, it is **not** legal to burn until the permit is activated.

How do I activate my burning permit?

You may activate your permit in two ways:

- Visit mndnr.gov/burningpermits

You can also activate it by calling 1- 866-533-2876 and follow the instructions in the pre-recorded message.

What is a burning ban?

A burning ban is a restriction issued for a specified part of the state under extremely dry conditions in which existing burning permits are canceled and new permits not issued. Burning in approved burners, recreational fires, and even smoking outdoors may be prohibited, depending on the fire danger. This action is generally taken when fire risk becomes extreme across a broad area of the state. A burning ban is used only in the most severe conditions and is more restrictive.

What are burning permit restrictions?

- Burning permits are not issued in fire-prone portions of the state in the spring when fire danger is traditionally high. A variance to permit open burning, however, may be obtained for special circumstances such as prescribed fire projects, approved agricultural practices, construction projects, or economic hardship. **Variances may only be issued by DNR Forestry personnel.** Dates of the restrictions are posted on this website each spring.

These spring restrictions only regulate fires that require a permit. Recreational campfires are still allowed under annual spring restrictions.