

Golden Gate Fire Protection District

Burn Permit Application Process

1. Obtain a Burn Permit Application from Golden Gate Fire Department. Obtain the Burn Permit Application at www.goldengatefire.org and clicking on the Permits button. The fee to the Golden Gate Fire Protection District is \$50.00
2. Obtain Burn Permit Application from Jefferson County Health Department.
3. Fill out and send both applications and fees in separate checks to Golden Gate Fire Department, P.O. Box 843, Golden, CO 80402.
4. Golden Gate Fire Department will inspect your site and if all standards are met will forward your application to Jefferson County. Jefferson County should issue your permit in 7 – 10 days. If standards are not met you will get a rejection letter and your County fee check returned. The Golden Gate fee is kept for processing and inspection costs.

Burn Permit Standards

1. Permits are for slash, pine needle and weed burning only. No trash or construction debris. If removal or chipping is feasible, no burn permit will be issued.
2. Piles should be no more than 30” tall and no more than 10 feet in diameter. Piles should be located in a forest opening at least 30 feet from trees and 60 feet from any structure.
3. Burning activities must include plans for safety. A water supply of at least 250 gallons needs to be accessible to the fire with appropriate pump and hose to reach at least 50 feet beyond the site. Communications to emergency responders must be on site and operable. Shovels, rakes, leather gloves, suitable footwear, masks for covering the mouth and nose and proper eye protection needs to be utilized.
4. A person who has demonstrated their experience to safely burn slash piles must be in charge and on site at all times. Forest service or Fire service personnel would be the most qualified.
5. Burning should be conducted on a day with suitable weather conditions. Periods of snow or light rain, with steady light winds (for smoke dispersal) and sufficient snow cover (6-12 inches) are ideal. Do not burn during periods of high winds, low humidity or drying conditions, temperature inversions, Red air quality days, days with lack of snow cover or days when these conditions are expected to develop.
6. The individual planning the burn should notify the Golden Gate Fire Dep’t, the Jefferson County Sheriff’s office and adjacent landowners who may be affected by smoke. Notification shall include the time of start and finish and the burn permit number. All burning and mop up should be finished by 4:00 pm. All remaining ash and slash shall be wet and cool to the touch.
7. Contact the Fire Marshal at 303 278-7054 with any questions.