



Burn Permit Application

A burn permit is required year-round and is a formal authorization required by the City of Whittier, Alaska, under Whittier Municipal Code 8.08.020, for the open burning of combustible materials. This includes burning in approved burn barrels. Permits are obtainable from the Fire Department and are granted at the discretion of the Fire Chief or other authorized personnel. The purpose of a burn permit is to ensure that open burning activities are conducted safely and responsibly, with consideration for public health, safety, and the protection of property. It is the responsibility of the individual conducting the burn, whether permitted or not, to prevent any damage resulting from the fire. Additionally, the Fire Chief may impose restrictions, revoke, or refuse to issue permits under certain weather or hazardous conditions to safeguard the community's well-being.

A person may use a barbecue and burn a campfire in an established metal ring or a containerized fire pit (fire pan) without a burning permit.

Applicant Information

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Business Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Burn Details

Street address of burn: _____

OR Legal description: Lot _____ Block _____ Subdivision _____

** Attach a map with the burn site clearly marked. The map must contain road names and identifying features.*

Date(s) of burn: _____ Time(s) of burn: _____

Burn type: Burn Barrel Debris Pile Lawn Burn

This burn is subject to the following: *(please initial each line)*

___ Obtain a valid open burning permit.

___ Be over the age of eighteen years old.

___ Must read the permit in its entirety before actively burning.

___ Sign, date, and put the location you are burning at on the permit.

___ Call Whittier Dispatch each day before burning at (907) 472-2340.

___ Have the permit on you when burning.

___ Construct a firebreak at least 15' wide of non-combustible material (dirt, gravel, sand, etc.) before igniting the fire.

___ Do NOT burn during adverse weather conditions (hot, dry, windy): <https://www.weather.gov/arh/>.

___ Ensure the prevailing wind direction is away from any structure or roadway and the open burn is conducted during a period of adequate air movement.

___ Ensure the fire is no closer than 50' to any structure and prevent the spread of fire to any other structure or property;

___ This permit only allows you to burn organic/wood debris, paper, and cardboard.

___ This permit only allows you to operate ONE burn barrel at a time, burn less than ONE acre of maintained grass less 4" in height, OR burn ONE brush pile less than 5' in diameter by 3' in height at a time.

___ Have a sufficient water supply to immediately extinguish the fire and tools close by while burning.

___ Extinguish the fire before sunset.

___ Failure to follow the guidelines established on the Burn Permit or that violate Whittier Municipal Code or Wildland Fire Protection Statutes and Regulations may result in a Citation and/or further legal action.

___ YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ATTENDING EVERY FIRE YOU SET UNTIL IT IS COMPLETELY OUT AND COLD TO THE TOUCH

Applicant Statement

I certify I have read and understand the conditions and requirements of this permit. I agree to hold the City of Whittier harmless for any claim or damage caused by the permitted fire or resulting suppression activity or by any negligent acts or omission by the applicant or his/her representative arising or because of activities covered by the permit.

Applicant name: _____

Applicant signature: _____ Date: _____

In case of an emergency, call 911 or Whittier Dispatch at (907) 472-2340

Office Use Only

Fees paid: One-Time (\$25.00) Commercial (\$100.00)

Payment method: Cash Credit Card Check

Receipt # _____ Date: _____

Fire Chief signature: _____

Issue date: _____ Permit valid until: _____

“ *Only YOU can prevent wildfires.
Please remember to burn responsibly and protect our community and natural resources.* ”