

**PROCEDURE FOR FIRE PERMIT
PHILLIPS COUNTY, MONTANA**

LAW

TO BE READ BY APPLICANT:

The Board of County Commissioners has established a fire season pursuant to Section 7-33-2205, M. C. A. By this provision of Montana law, no person may ignite or set any forest fire, slash-burning fire, land clearing fire, debris-burning fire or open fire within Phillips County on forest, range, or crop lands without having first obtained a written permit. Violation of this provision constitutes a misdemeanor and is subject to a \$500.00 fine and/or six (6) months in the County jail.

In addition, a person commits the offense of negligent arson if he purposely or knowingly starts a fire whether on his own property or property of another and thereby negligently places another person in danger of death or bodily injury (including any fire fighter responding to or at the scene of the fire) or places property of another in danger of damage or destruction. Where other persons are placed in danger or death or bodily injury, such offense can result in a fine not to exceed \$50,000.00 or by imprisonment in the state prison for any term not to exceed ten (10) years, or both.

Further, if applicant's negligence causes such personal injury or property damage, applicant could be civilly liable for such injury or damages, including the cost of suppression of fire.

ANNUAL BURNING PERMIT APPLICATION

Applicant seeks to obtain a written permit for the ____ Open Burning season as required to obtain future daily burning permits:

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Date and Time of Application: _____

at _____ o'clock.

Applicant states the foregoing information is complete and correct to the best of his/her knowledge and belief and represents that the County may rely upon the same in consideration of the issuance of a fire permit. Applicant further states that he will use due and proper care in the scheduled burn and indemnify and hold County harmless from any and all liability by reason of County's issuance of a fire permit.

Please call before you start & after you are done. Thanks.