



PHILLIPS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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ANNUAL BURN PERMIT

TO BE READ BY THE APPLICANT:

The Board of County Commissioners has established a fire season pursuant to Section 7-33-2205, M.C.A. By this provision of the 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 of 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 injuries or damages, including suppression of the fire.

APPLICATION

Applicant seeks to obtain a written burn permit for the _____ Open Burning Season.
(enter year)

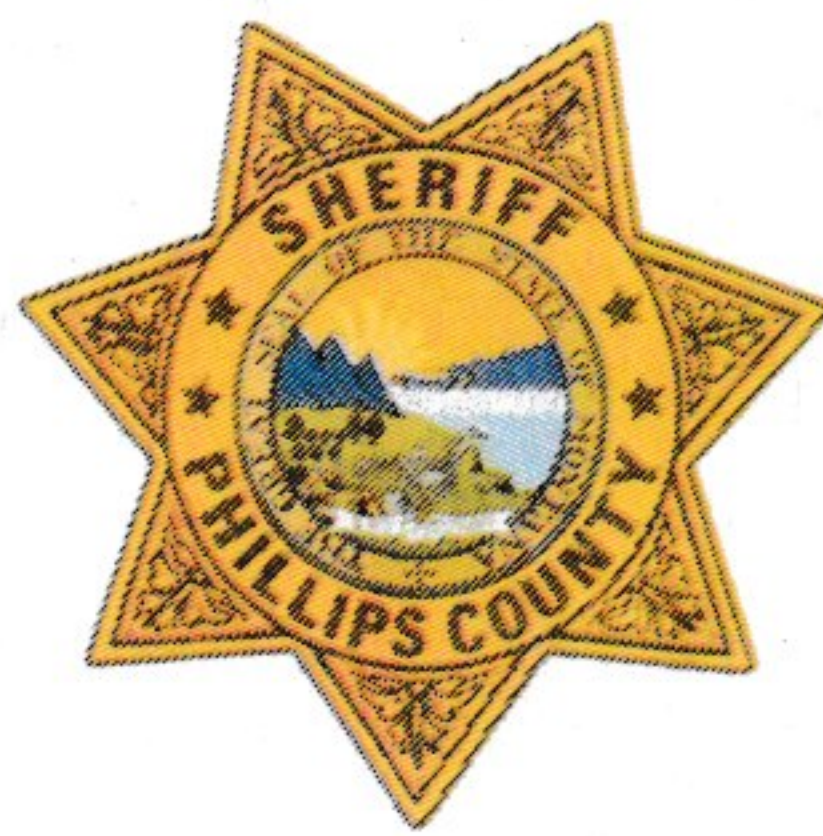
Name of Applicant: _____

Address (physical): _____

Phone number: _____

Date and Time: _____

Applicant states the foregoing information is complete & accurate to the best of his/her knowledge & belief, & 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 & proper care in the scheduled burn & indemnify & hold County harmless from any and all liability by reason of County's issuance of a fire permit.



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The following rules and regulations were adopted by the Phillips County Commissioners and shall be required of each applicant for each burning permit requested.

RULES AND REGULATION:

You are required to contact Phillips County Sheriff's Office dispatch at (406) 654-2350 prior to starting each burn and provide the following information:

- 1. Location of your burn**
- 2. Type of controlled burn (e.g. slash pile, old buildings, etc.)**
- 3. Location of nearest county fire department**
- 4. Whether or not you have your own firefighting equipment, and if it will be available at your burn site.**

**YOU MUST BE PRESENT AT YOUR FIRE LOCATION
AT ALL TIMES IN CASE OF UNEXPECTED
PROBLEMS. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY BE IN
VIOLATION OF MCA §45-6-102, NEGLIGENT ARSON.**

These burning regulations must be signed annually by anyone wishing to burn during the open burning season and they are valid only during the season in which the application is signed. Furthermore the applicant **MUST** obtain a daily permit for any additional controlled burns throughout the open burning season. Daily burning permits are obtained by calling the Phillips Co Sheriff's Office Dispatch in the Phillips Co Courthouse in Malta MT, at 654-2350. A daily permit will not be issued unless the applicant has a current annual permit on file with the permitting agency.

By signing below, the ensuing applicant acknowledges he or she fully understands and will comply with all the rules.

Signature: _____

CALL DISPATCH ((406) 654-2350) UPON THE COMPLETION OF THE BURN.