

Haines Borough Burn Permit

Burn Permits are required for open burning activity in the Haines Borough including burn barrels and piles up to 10' in diameter and 4' in height. Any larger open burning activity must be approved by a site inspection done by Borough Fire Personnel and/or State Forestry.

Before you ignite your controlled burn, call in and notify Haines Fire/Police Dispatch (766-2121) that you will be burning that day, anywhere in the Haines Borough North of Sullivan Island. Identify yourself, the physical location of the burn, what you will be burning and what type of burn (Barrel/Pile 10 ft or less). You will be briefed on daily burning conditions and any restrictions that may apply for that day to help you plan for a safe burn.

Haines Borough Code 8.08.020: It is unlawful for any person within the townsite service area to burn combustible materials outdoors without an annual written permit authorized by the fire chief or other public official charged with such duties, and police department notification prior to each planned burning.

1. The written burn permit must be applied for annually,
2. The annual burn permit shall stipulate prohibited burnables according to state and local laws,
- 3. During the permitted year, the police department must be notified prior to each separate burning occurrence,**
- 4. Burning shall be permitted only between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.,**
5. Stump burnings that cannot be doused by the deadline may be allowed to smolder upon approval provided a burning is not propagated with additional stumps and brush after 8:00 p.m.

Safe Burning Requirements Apply to all Controlled Burning (burning is only authorized subject to the following conditions)

- No burning during windy periods.
- Construct a fire break 10 feet wide down to mineral soil around the pile to be burned before lighting the fire.
- At least 1 adult must attend the fire at all times until the burning pile is completely out.
- When preparing to burn a lawn, mow the area, rake it and wet down the outer 8 foot perimeter.
- At least 3 adults must be present for a lawn burn.

- You must have sufficient tools and water at the site to control the fire.
- Do not burn piles or burn barrels within 30 feet of structures or under utility lines.
- No burning is allowed of any substance which creates black smoke, toxic gases or odors which affect nearby persons.

Burn Barrels

Burn Barrels may be included under burn suspensions and burn closures.

You may only burn paper products, untreated wood and organic debris in your burn barrel.

Clear all flammable material and vegetation away to 6 feet around the entire barrel.

Pile Burning (10 ft or less)

At least 1 adult must immediately attend the fire until the burn pile is completely out and cold to the touch.

Only burn 1 single debris pile at a time with a pile 10' in diameter or less and no more than 4' in height.

Keep the pile small and manageable, feeding the pile as you burn.

Only untreated, unpainted wood and organic material may be burned.

Clear all flammable material and vegetation to mineral soil 10 feet from around your pile and stay 30 feet away from structures and power lines. Do not burn under power lines.

You must have at least one hand tool and sufficient water on site to control the fire.

Large Scale Burning

Debris piles larger than 10 feet in diameter must be inspected by Fire personnel and/or State Forestry inside the Townsite area of Haines.

Outside the Townsite of Haines large scale burning projects must be inspected and approved by State Forestry before burning. Call local State Forestry office to set up a time for project inspection at: **907-766-2120**.

I have read the above information and agree to follow the above burn permit stipulations. I understand that I am subject to code violation penalties (HBC 1.24.010 and HBC 8.20.020)

Signature

Printed Name

Date

Physical Location

Contact Phone Number While Burning

It is the intention of the Haines Borough, in cooperation with the State Division of Forestry, to assist community members in completing burning projects safely and effectively.

According to State Law, an individual that starts a fire (controlled burn) for any reason will be responsible for any property damage, loss and all fire suppression costs incurred to extinguish a fire that is the result of an escaped control burn.

The Haines Borough burn permit program is designed to provide technical assistance *before* a burning project takes place, to *prevent* property damage and loss through negligence on the part of the responsible individual.

This is a NO COST service provided for public safety and benefit. STAY INFORMED, STAY SAFE!