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Spring Burn Season **March 1- May 31 2012**

It is that time of year again and we will soon see and feel the impact of another burn season. As spring approaches in the Grand Valley, you should know that open burning is not the only option for cleaning irrigation ditches and getting rid of garden waste, small tree trimmings and weeds.

Every year the Department has responded to out-of-control weed fires that create unnecessary property loss and resource use. We are also seeing an increase in the number of emergency medical responses due to smoke from open burning. In an effort to promote the health of our residents and maintain the quality of our environment, the Grand Junction Fire Department strongly encourages residents to use alternatives to open burning.

Before burning, you are REQUIRED to obtain a burn permit. Grand Junction, Fruita and Clifton Fire Departments issue permits for their response areas. The Mesa County Health Department issues permits for all other areas in Mesa County. Burning is allowable only for dry weeds, garden waste, irrigation ditches, and tree or shrub trimmings less than 1” in diameter.

**For daily weather conditions, contact the National Weather Service at:
243-0914 or**

You can also visit their website at:

**<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/> or
<http://www.crh.noaa.gov/hazards/?wfo=gjt>**

BURN SEASON DATES

Spring: March 1-May 31

Fall: September 1 - October 31

Permits cost \$15.00 and this permit will function in both seasons.

BUSINESS OFFICE MAILING ADDRESS:

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