



For Immediate Release
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Fall Burn Season September 1 – October 31, 2012

Fall burn season will start September 1, 2012 and continue through October 31, 2012. Fire restrictions have been a significant part of the summer but all of those restrictions have been rescinded and open burning will be allowed this fall. Before burning you are required to obtain a burn permit. Grand Junction, Lower Valley 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.

Every year we respond to out-of-control weed fires that create unnecessary property loss and resource use and we are asking that citizens follow closely the requirements for safe burning listed on your permit. 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.

Grand Junction burn permits cost \$15.00 and you can purchase them by mail or pick them up at the administrative office at the address listed below. For more information go to: <http://www.gjcity.org/GJFDBurnPermits.aspx>

BUSINESS OFFICE MAILING ADDRESS:

**GJFD BURN PERMITS
333 West Avenue Building E
Grand Junction, CO 81501**

**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>