

**Burn Rules In Forest Hills**  
**Adopted by the BOD on September 9, 2025**  
**To be reviewed annually by the BOD**

**Burning of natural vegetation is permitted in the Forest Hills community only in compliance with the Ravalli County Burn Permit Program and the conditions outlined below.**

Detailed information about this program and how to apply for and activate a permit can be found on the Ravalli County Website: [Burn Permits https://ravalli.us/501/Burning-Permits](https://ravalli.us/501/Burning-Permits)

Members of the community are reminded of the following requirements of the Ravalli County Burn Permit Program which are governed by the State of Montana, Ravalli County, (and the Forest Hills HOA) in addition to Forest Hills HOA Rules:

- You MUST obtain a Ravalli County Burn Permit before conducting any burn.
- You MUST officially ACTIVATE the burn permit with the county ON EACH DAY that burning is anticipated. If you do not activate your permit before burning, the Fire Department may be dispatched to your fire even though it is under control, and you will be cited.
- Permission to burn may be revoked by the county at any anytime, due to weather conditions.
- You must have enough water, hand tools/equipment, and people to keep your fire under control.
- The size of your pile burn can be no larger than 10' x 10'. Your burn must be at least 50 feet from any structure, fences, or other combustible material.
- Someone must remain with the fire until it is completely out. (No smoke or hot embers present).
- Per Ravalli County Resolution 4515, If the fire escapes your control, you may be cited and fined. You also may be responsible for the cost of suppression and any damage to someone else's property. CCRE 3.12 further holds Owner's fully financially liable to all costs, claims, and damages when they permit a fire to cause injury to persons or damage to property.
- You are not allowed to burn prohibited materials as outlined in the Montana Department of Environmental Quality's air quality regulation found at [ARM 17.8.604 https://rules.mt.gov/gateway/RuleNo.asp?RN=17%2E8%2E604](https://rules.mt.gov/gateway/RuleNo.asp?RN=17%2E8%2E604)
- Anyone can check if outdoor burning in Forest Hills has been authorized by viewing the online map of authorized/active burns on the Ravalli County website: [https://app.egovmt.com/cgi-bin/burnpermit/burnPermit.cgi?mode=select\\_county](https://app.egovmt.com/cgi-bin/burnpermit/burnPermit.cgi?mode=select_county)

Fires are dangerous and should only be undertaken if you are willing to accept responsibility and liability.

If you are concerned about the danger or liability of conducting a burn on your lot, you can contact companies such as [White Horse Forestry](#) or [Aries Fire Service](#) to assist your burn.