



# COUNTY BURN PERMIT SERVICE 2017

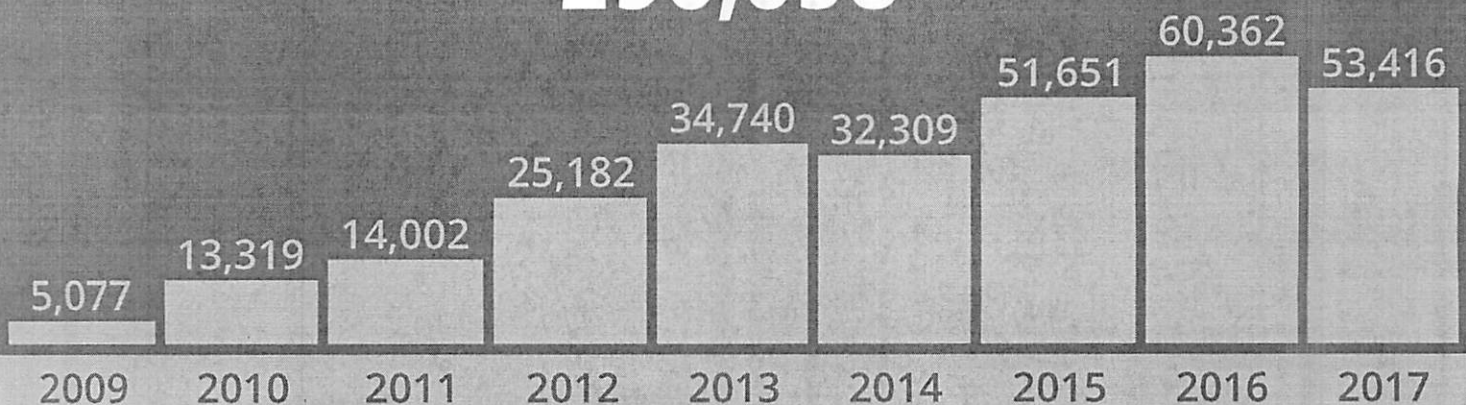
Numbers are current through December 31, 2017

## BURN PERMIT DETAILS BY COUNTY

| COUNTY           | PERMITS PURCHASED |              |               | PERMIT ACTIVATIONS |               |            |               |
|------------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|------------|---------------|
|                  | ONLINE            | IN PERSON    | TOTAL         | ONLINE             | PHONE         | ADMIN      | TOTAL         |
| Broadwater       | 202               | -            | 202           | 266                | 188           | 13         | 467           |
| Butte-Silver Bow | 113               | 32           | 145           | 125                | 137           | 7          | 269           |
| Carbon           | 692               | 173          | 865           | 1,192              | 1,045         | 56         | 2,293         |
| Cascade          | 702               | 201          | 903           | 953                | 931           | 37         | 1,921         |
| Chouteau         | 221               | -            | 221           | 499                | 84            | 13         | 596           |
| Gallatin         | 1,898             | 291          | 2,189         | 3,318              | 2,345         | 69         | 5,732         |
| Jefferson        | 569               | 63           | 632           | 858                | 653           | 21         | 1,532         |
| Lewis & Clark    | 1,321             | 577          | 1,898         | 2,077              | 1,922         | 31         | 4,030         |
| Madison          | 431               | 11           | 442           | 619                | 387           | 26         | 1,032         |
| Missoula         | 2,951             | 1,028        | 3,979         | 3,628              | 6,275         | 57         | 9,960         |
| Park             | 444               | 190          | 634           | 808                | 644           | 40         | 1,492         |
| Powell           | 195               | 57           | 252           | 355                | 260           | 13         | 628           |
| Ravalli          | -                 | -            | 6,520         | 11,181             | 7,011         | 266        | 18,458        |
| Stillwater       | 530               | 133          | 663           | 844                | 497           | 41         | 1,382         |
| Teton            | 233               | 33           | 266           | 548                | 364           | 3          | 915           |
| Yellowstone      | 1,520             | 398          | 1,918         | 1,743              | 1,659         | 9          | 3,411         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>     | <b>12,022</b>     | <b>3,187</b> | <b>21,729</b> | <b>29,014</b>      | <b>24,402</b> | <b>702</b> | <b>54,118</b> |

## CALLS DIVERTED SINCE SERVICE LAUNCHED IN 2009

# 290,058



## BENEFITS TO CITIZENS

- Citizens have the ability to purchase a burn permit 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Burn permits can be activated by the citizen via the website or using the automated phone system.
- Permits can only be activated on approved burn days as dictated by each county.
- Citizens no longer need to contact dispatch or fire department personnel to activate their burn permit. This prevents long delays for burn permit holders looking to activate their permit quickly.

## BENEFITS TO EMERGENCY PERSONNEL

- This service helps track the locations of all approved burns in the county. County personnel can more easily determine whether a smoke plume or fire is an emergency such as a wildfire or structural fire. By tracking approved burns, the fire department may not have to be dispatched each time smoke or fire is reported.
- This service helps provide county personnel with more tools to help determine if a report of smoke or fire is a controlled burn or a true emergency.
- This service helps to manage the sheer volume of burn activity within an integrated county. With thousands of permits issued each year and the potential for hundreds of activations in a single day, counties simply cannot handle the volume of non-emergency calls without interfering with true emergency traffic.
- This service helps reduce the amount of time spent by county personnel responding to non-emergency calls and allows them to focus on true emergencies.
- This service helps to prevent the unnecessary use of emergency vehicle running lights and sirens. Emergency lights and sirens put the public at a greater risk of potential accidents.

## HOW TO INTEGRATE YOUR COUNTY IN TO THE SERVICE

- 1 Contact Megan Gretch with Montana Interactive.
- 2 Sign a work order - an agreement between the Montana Interactive, the requesting county and the Department of Administration.
- 3 Schedule time for development. Development generally takes between 3-6 weeks once the county requirements are identified and development can begin.
- 4 Launch the service in your county.

## LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SERVICE

### CITIZEN SITE

[www.burnpermits.mt.gov](http://www.burnpermits.mt.gov)

### ADMINISTRATIVE SITE

[app.mt.gov/burnpermit/admin](http://app.mt.gov/burnpermit/admin)

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