Open Burn Season

March 30 through May 30 & September 15 through October 30

Every year the Pleasant Grove Fire Department welcomes and encourages residents to take advantage of the “open burn” season to help with accumulated yard clippings, leaves and natural vegetation. The State of Utah allows jurisdictions to collect a fee for this service; however, Pleasant Grove City has opted not to charge for this permit service in an effort to encourage residents to utilize the program and accompanying permit process.

Open burning is a source of air pollution that is regulated by the Division of Air Quality (DAQ). There are statewide rules in place that regulate open burning activities to help minimize emissions and ensure that the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) are met. Recent modifications to these rules change the open burn periods and include a statewide requirement to obtain a permit from the local county or municipal fire authority (PGFD) prior to burning. Failure to obtain a permit may potentially result in a fine if safety procedures are not followed.

This permit process ensures that certain stipulations are met in regards to materials that are allowed to be burned, proximity to structures, availability of extinguishing agent and air quality etc.

There are three ways to complete the open burn permit application from March 30 thru May 30 or between September 15 and October 30.

- **Internet**
  The open burn permit application can be completed online. Completing this form online is the easiest and fastest way to complete the open burn permit application. An electronic copy of the application is automatically submitted to the county or municipal fire authority upon completion. See http://www.deq.utah.gov/airapp/OpenBurning/form/index.php

- **Telephone**
  An applicant can call the DAQ at 801-536-4000 and complete the open burn permit application process over the phone. A DAQ inspector will ask the applicant for the required information and complete the application in just a few minutes.

- **Mail**
  A hard copy of the application may be completed and submitted by mail to DAQ for electronic processing. To request a hard copy of the open burn permit application, contact DAQ by phone at 801-536-4000. (Allow 14 days)

Dave Thomas, Fire Chief