

Burning permits required from May 1 to Sept. 30

If you plan to do any burning of trash during your annual spring clean-up, you need to be aware of Alaskan laws governing open burning.

Beginning May 1 through September 30, burning permits are required for all open fire, excluding cooking, signaling and warming fires.

The law, Alaska Statute Chapter 92, Article 1, Section 10, was passed by the State Legislature in 1972 in an attempt to decrease the number of man-caused wildfires and the resultant high cost of suppression.

Open burning is permissible by obtaining a burning permit and by meeting certain safety criteria to prevent the spread of the fire. Within the city of Fairbanks, permits may be obtained by calling the Borough Environmental Protection Office, 456-7244. Outside the city, call the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, 479-2243.