

NEWSLETTER

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MISSOULA RURAL FIRE DISTRICT STAY UP TO DATE

FIRE DANGER

Fire danger is now at "Moderate", grass is green again, leaves are changing color, and temperatures are cooling down. We have officially entered the season of Fall, but this is still a Montana Fall so wildfire risk should remain on our minds. Remember that the general burning season (burning of yard debris and untreated vegetative waste) will remain closed until March 1, 2027. In the meantime, homeowners can gather their debris, build piles, and cover them with tarps to keep them dry until Spring. Homeowners are still encouraged to maintain their lawns and homes to keep them wildfire ready. Some examples of this would be mowing long grass, maintaining fallen leaves and pine needles, cleaning gutters, and more. With Moderate fire danger, fires can still start and spread easily so be sure that all warming and cooking fires are out cold prior to being abandoned. Currently, essential agriculture and prescribed wildland outdoor burning are open, check the link below, "Types of Burn Permits", to learn more about these burn permits and if your work qualifies.

SMART 911

Smart911 is an online profile created by you and provided to emergency services to best assist you. Click the attached link to create a profile that is only accessible by dispatch and emergency services when you contact 911. You can include as much or as little information as you desire such as house location and description, people, pets, and livestock at the attached address, disabled individuals that need more assistance evacuating, and much more. This information allows emergency responders to arrive more prepared and tailor their response to meet your needs. Your profile can assist responders for all emergency call types including: wildland fire, EMS, structure fire, and more.

PUPPET SHOWS

The annual MCFPA Fire Safety Puppet Shows are in full swing and will be going on through October 9th throughout Missoula County schools. These puppet shows are led by knowledgeable fire professionals and are a fun and engaging way to teach the youth of our community about fire safety. Parents are encouraged to talk to their children about the puppet shows and fire safety to keep the momentum moving in a positive direction. It is important to educate the youth about fire danger and safety to avoid accidental or intentional fire starts.

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