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For more information,
please contact:

San Juan County Fire Department, 505-334-1180

Call before you burn!

San Juan County, NM - San Juan County allows open burning of vegetation on a day by day basis based on expected weather and other fire conditions. Burn permits are free and can be requested by phone only on the day burning is planned. San Juan County Fire Department posts updates daily to Facebook regarding the availability of burn permits due to weather conditions.

Request permits by calling:

- Weekdays from 7:30 am- 5:30 pm call: 505-334-1180
- Weekends and holidays call: 505-334-6622

Information required for your permit will include your name, the property owner's name, your contact number, the address where the burning will occur, and what is being burned.

Items allowed to burn: natural vegetation only

Burning safety information:

- If the wind condition increases, put the fire out
- Have water available for immediate use
- Have the fire at least 50 feet from any structure, power lines and poles
- Fire must be out at least 1 hour before sunset
- Do not leave the fire unattended
- Be prepared to hear these safety items when you call for the burn permit

Call 911 as soon as possible if the fire starts to get out of control

Persons responsible for fires that endanger people or property, that spread to other's property or are deemed offensive may be issued citations (County ordinance 6, Uniform Fire Code). Fire department personnel have the authority to make this determination and request or aid in the extinguishment of the fire.

Permits are not required for *recreational burns* (campfires, ceremonial burns, outside cooking). These fires shall be less than 3 feet diameter x 2 feet high and must be more than 25 feet from structures. Recreational fires are only allowed if there are no burn bans in place.

Follow San Juan County NM on Facebook or Twitter for burn permit updates. Please direct all press and related inquiries to Susan Hakanson, San Juan County Public Relations Manager, at shakanson@sjcounty.net or 505-386-8325.