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- **YES**, if you are burning for agricultural purposes (crop, range, pasture, wildlife, or watershed management). You must meet the following conditions:
 - Local fire control authority has been notified (if required).
 - Burning will not create a traffic or airport safety hazard.
 - The person conducting the burn will ensure burning is supervised until fire is extinguished.
- **NO**, not if you are a business. Any open burning done by businesses must receive KDHE and local approval, including burning trees and brush.
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General guidelines during all burn events

- Avoid cloudy days or low cloud cover days.
- Burn during daylight hours and don't add material two hours prior to sunset.
- Wind speeds should be between 5 to 15 mph.
- Do not create a traffic hazard with burning.
- Supervise your fire until it's out.
- Notify houses and businesses within 1,000 ft. of a permitted burn.

Need more information?

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