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Blaine County Announces Online Burn Permits

Chinook, Montana – The citizens of Blaine County are now able to obtain a burn permit online without standing in line or even leaving home.

The Blaine County Burn Permit service – found at <https://app.egovmt.com/burnpermit/> –available as of Feb 2024, and will provide citizens with instant access to county burn permits. Permit holders are able to add multiple burn locations to a single permit and can even print their permit at home or send it to themselves electronically by entering an email address.

The online service will allow citizens to obtain a burn permit provided by the county at no cost. Citizens are also able to activate their permit online or by calling the county's new automated phone system at 1-866-207-2528. To activate a permit, the permit holder simply enters their permit number with the start and stop times of their burn and county fire and emergency personnel are immediately notified of the burn. An interactive map will also be available to allow citizens and county personnel to view all current burn activity within the county.

"This online service will streamline the burn permit process for the citizens and will create huge efficiency gains for the county," said Shane Fox, Commissioner, Blaine County. "We anticipate a significant reduction in non-emergency call volume which will allow fire personnel to better focus on true emergencies."

Burn permits are available online at <https://app.egovmt.com/burnpermit/>. Citizens may also obtain a burn permit in person at the Blaine County Sheriff's Office located at 420 Ohio Street, Chinook, MT. Burn permits are currently at no cost to constituents and can be used throughout the entire 2024 burn season.

The Blaine County Burn Permit Service is the result of an alliance between county government and the private sector. It was cooperatively developed and is supported by Blaine County, City of Chinook, and Tyler Technologies (NYSE: TYL).