

SITUATION REPORT

JEFFERSON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

8/17/26

CONDITIONS SUMMARY

Click on the following link to access real-time Jefferson County Emergency Management conditions data:

[JCEM Situation Report ArcGIS Dashboard](#)

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Fire Restrictions

Current Status	Campfire & forest activity restrictions. Applicable to recreational fires under 48" in diameter on private lands in Jefferson County
	No restrictions on campfires or forest activities
X	Stage 1 Restrictions: Campfires prohibited; smoking limited to areas cleared of vegetation.
	Stage 2 Restrictions: Stage 1 restrictions plus 1pm-1am mechanical forest activity limits with patrol requirement.
	Area closures: None
Current Status	County debris burning (slash pile burning) restrictions. Applicable to ALL fires over 48" in diameter on private lands in Jefferson County BBQ pits and burn barrels are considered open fires on DNRC Forest Classified lands and therefore require a burn permit in those locations even if under 48" in size. (36.10.132(10), ARM)
	No debris burning restrictions county-wide. County burn permit & permit activation required.
	Some fire districts/fire service areas with debris burning closures:
X	Debris burning closed county-wide.
Current Period	Montana DEQ air quality burn restriction period.
X	Spring/Summer burning period (March 1 – August 31): County burn permit & permit activation required.
	Fall burning period (Sept.1 – Nov 30): County burn permit & permit activation required. The burner also must check DEQ ventilation hotline (800-225-6779 or www.burnclosures.mt.gov) for current air quality conditions.
	Winter burning period (Dec 1 – Feb 28): DEQ application & approval required for burning*. County burn permit & county permit activation is still required in addition to DEQ permit. Call MT DEQ at 406-444-3490

Fire Restrictions Narrative Summary

Debris Burning is closed for the season. Stage 1 fire restrictions are in effect.

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Collaboration Opportunities

Click on the following link to view the
Jefferson County Emergency Management Collaboration Calendar:

[JCEM Collaboration Calendar](#)

To subscribe to the JCEM Collaboration Calendar, download the ICS file by [clicking here](#)

HOW TO GET EMERGENCY INFORMATION IN JEFFERSON COUNTY

- Text **51MTALERT** to **888777** to receive text alert notifications.
- Sign up for Jefferson County's Mass Notification System:
<https://member.everbridge.net/88752814817480/login>
- Follow the Jefferson County Office of Emergency Management Facebook Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61574344743884>
- Follow the Jefferson County, Montana Sheriff's Office Facebook Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/JeffersonCountyMontanaSheriffsOffice>
- Tune into your local low-power FM radio station: Basin: 98.3FM; Boulder: 105.9FM; Cardwell: 106.1FM; Elk Park: 103.7FM; Jefferson City/Clancy: 100.3FM; Montana City/Clancy: 105.9FM; Whitehall: 106.5FM.

JCEM links are also available here: <https://linktr.ee/jcem.mt>

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