SITUATION REPORT

JEFFERSON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

11/16/26

CONDITIONS SUMMARY

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

JCEM Situation Report ArcGIS Dashboard

The site is best viewed on a desktop computer.

Fire Restrictions

Current Status	Campfire & forest activity restrictions. Applicable to recreational fires under 48" in diameter on private lands in Jefferson County
X	**No restrictions on campfires or forest activities**
	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 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)
X	**No debris burning restrictions county-wide.** County burn permit & permit activation required.
	Some fire districts/fire service areas with debris burning closures:
	Debris burning closed county-wide.
Current Period	**Montana DEQ air quality burn restriction period.**
	Spring/Summer burning period (March 1 – August 31): County burn permit & permit activation required.
X	**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 (slash pile burns over 48" in size) is open county-wide. Jefferson County is in Montana DEQ's fall air quality burn period, meaning **burners must check the DEQ ventilation hotline** for current air quality conditions prior to burning. **Burners are required to have a county burn permit and must activate their permit each day of their burn.** Burners can visit https://app.egovmt.com/burnpermit/ to purchase and activate their Jefferson County permits. Those conducting burns must never leave the burn unattended, must clear the area around the burn of flammable material, and must always have a suitable source of extinguishment available. Burners should also check the forecast for the day of and for the days following the burn. Burns should be cancelled should any adverse weather conditions be predicted.

ACTIVITY SUMMARY

Burn Permit Data

Data Point	Current YTD	Previous Report YTD	2025 Total
Total Permit Sales	612	604	691
Total Activations	1458	1379	1652
November Activations	89	10	148

Countywide Calls for Service (CFS)

Type	Last Week	Previous Report	YTD	2025
Wildfires	0	0	72	75
Structure Fires	0	0	24	30
Other Fire Calls*	3	10	303	315
Motor Vehicle Accidents (Injury and Non-Injury)	23	13	538	635
EMS BLS Calls	17	16	551	568
EMS ALS Calls	9	8	218	240
Year-to-Date Total Calls for Service Includes all the above plus law enforcement CFS.		11,874	12,381	13,641

*Other Fire Calls include Arson, Aircraft Incidents, Downed Wires, Electrical Hazards, Explosions, Fire Alarms, Fire Restriction Violations, Fireworks, Gas Leaks, HAZMAT, Smoke Reports, and Vehicle Fires.

Training & Exercise Opportunities

Training/Course	Date/Time	Location	Contact/Registration
ICS 300	12/1-12/3	Bozeman	Kevin Larsen, 406-595-3663
Crisis Emergency Risk Communications	12/4	Helena	mackenzie.mann@mt.gov
L0105 Public Information Basics	12/8-12/10	Helena	mtdesprep@mt.gov

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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Conditions data points are as of the morning of the issuance of the Situation Report, while activity data points are for the previous week.
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