

Rogers Fire Department Open Burn Policy

The City of Rogers has adopted the 2012 Arkansas Fire Prevention Code (AFPC). AFPC Volume 1, Ch. 307 establishes accepted standards for open burning.

All burn permit applicants must read the provisions of this code. It is available through this link: <https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/chapter/620/>

Unless a person is burning in a manner that meets the defined "recreational fire" they must obtain a permit from the fire department.

Burn permits are available through the Rogers Fire Department's website: www.rogersar.gov/fire

If a person does not have the capability to obtain a permit through the website, they may call or visit the fire administration office and obtain a permit. This option is available during business hours, currently Monday – Friday from 07:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays.

- Permits are only valid for the date of issuance. Burning on successive dates is currently acceptable, however a new permit must be obtained on each date of burning.
- If a Burn Ban has been issued by any of the following authorities, any permit obtained through the automated process shall be considered void: Governor of Arkansas, Benton County Judge, Rogers Fire Chief, or Rogers Fire Marshal.
- Unless otherwise revoked, burn a burn permit allows the permit holder to burn from dawn to dusk on the date of issuance.
- Unless prior authorization has been obtained from a Rogers Fire Marshal, all fires must be extinguished at dusk.
- Following issuance of a burn permit, if weather conditions change to pose a risk of fire spread, the fire must be extinguished.
- If a fire is found to be causing a nuisance or presenting a hazard, it may be required to be extinguished immediately.

General Notes

Open burning is not allowed when wind speeds exceed 10 mph.

Burn piles must be no less than 50 feet from any structure, and provisions shall be made to prevent fire from spreading to within 50 feet of any structure. The following exceptions apply:

1. Fires in approved containers that are not less than 15 feet from a structure.
2. The minimum required distance from a structure shall be 25 feet where the burn pile size is 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height.

These materials are acceptable to burn: limbs, leaves, grass clippings, and other vegetation

These materials may not be burned: plastic, lumber, construction materials, trash, cardboard, other materials may be prohibited as well.

Open burning, recreational fires, and use of portable outdoor fireplaces shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating or other approved on-site fire extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water, garden hose, or water truck, shall be available for immediate extinguishment.