



Rogers Fire Department Standard Operating Procedures

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure operational compliance with open burning regulations.

POLICY

All permits should be entered into the online permitting system through the department website. Citizens calling non-emergency to obtain a burn permit should be permitted to provide their information over the phone, so that an employee can then enter it into the website. The website will not allow for burn permits to be entered if a burn ban is in effect for the day.

Burn Bans

The Prevention Division will monitor weather conditions on a daily basis and no burning will be allowed if atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fire hazardous (Burn Ban). Burn Bans may be issued by the Prevention Division for one of the following reasons:

- a. Wind speeds above 10 miles per hour
- b. Dry conditions or very low relative humidity (below 30%)
- c. National Weather Service Red Flag Warning has been issued
- d. Governor issued Burn Ban
- e. County Judge issued Burn Ban

The following rules shall be enforced for all open burns:

1. Only yard waste or vegetation may be burned.
2. Burning will be allowed from dawn to dusk each day. All fires must be extinguished at dusk.
3. Someone responsible for the open burn must be in attendance at all times.
4. Burn piles must be at least 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:

- a. Open burning in a metal container will be allowed at a distance of 15 feet from structure.
 - b. The minimum distance required is reduced to 25 feet if the pile size is 3 feet or less in diameter and no higher than 2 feet.
5. Responsible person shall have one of the following on site:
 - a. Fire-extinguisher with a minimum rating of 4-A.
 - b. Garden hose
6. Non-Approved items to burn include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Plastic
 - b. Lumber
 - c. Construction materials
 - d. Trash
 - e. Cardboard paper
7. Open burning shall not be offensive or objectionable because of smoke or odor emissions. You may be required to extinguish the fire upon neighbor complaints.
8. Permits are only good for one day at a time. If you plan on burning more than one day you will have to apply for a new permit each day.
9. The permit can be revoked at the discretion of the Rogers Fire Department.