

OPEN BURNING

It is unlawful to burn any materials where smoke and fumes are emitted directly into the air without passing through a chimney or duct, including: paper, wood, garbage, leaves, landscape debris, building construction or demolition debris, or any other combustible material in open fires, or in metal containers, except as provided below.

Exceptions that do not require a permit/permission are limited to:

fireplaces, bonfires or recreational fires with specific restrictions, open-flame cooking devices such as cookers, barbecues, and outdoor warming stoves such as chimineas. Such burning shall use only seasoned firewood, charcoal, Natural Gas, or LPG gas, and shall not extend outside of the fire pit, fireplace or cooking device. Recreational fires, bonfires and fire pits shall be limited in size to 3 ft. in diameter and 2 ft. in height. Cooking devices must be a manufactured cooking devices designed for the preparation of food. Outdoor fireplaces, chimineas and/or fire pits must be a manufactured container or structure that holds fire at the base of a chimney or hearth, is constructed of stone, brick, steel, or other non-combustible material, and is provided with a screen or a spark arrestor above the fire.

The exceptions that do require Fire Department permit/permission for open burning of landscape debris only (excluding leaves and grass clippings) are for 1) wooded residential lots of 1 acre or more, 2) recognized range management, or 3) wildlife management practices. These excepted burnings shall be limited to April 15th thru

May 30th, and October 15th thru November 30th, from 7:00 a.m. to dusk. These exceptions require notification/permission from the specific fire protection district in which the property is located. Application should be made in advance during working hours, and should include such information as: type of burn, date, time, location, and such other information as the fire district may require. The fire protection district may prohibit or order the extinguishment of any open burning which creates or adds to a hazardous or objectionable situation. Guidelines for exceptions include: a) Open burning shall be constantly attended by an adult 18 of age or older, until the fire is extinguished; b) A fire extinguisher, water supply, or other extinguishing material must be available; c) Open burning shall not be permitted less than 50 ft. from any structure or overhang, (including houses, sheds, trees, powerlines, trellises, balcony or deck) except for open flame cooking devices; d) Burning is prohibited when wind speed exceeds twenty (20) miles per hour.

Specific guidelines are available through the appropriate rural fire protection district. In general the fire district boundary line runs perpendicular to South Krueger Rd. and on a visually straight line from East Cuba Rd. south to Rand Rd. The westerly Lake Zurich Rural Fire Protection District should be contacted at (847) 540-5070. The easterly Long Grove Rural Fire Protection District should be contacted at (847) 634-3143.

Any person violating the Ordinance will be fined \$100 for the first offense, \$300 for the 2nd offense, and \$500 for every subsequent offense.

The most environmentally protective manner of disposal of landscape debris, including leaves and grass is thru WasteManagement. While individual stickers for landscape waste bags are available, WM also offers a reasonable *seasonal landscape subscription rate*; WM may be contacted at 800-964-8988.