

Planning and Preparation for Controlled Burn

1. Get Permits and Notify Authorities:

- If you reside within city limits, please contact the City Inspector at 636-629-0333.
If you reside outside city limits, please contact the Fire District at 636-629-2727, ext. 3.

2. Evaluate weather conditions:

- Also evaluate fuel types and potential hazards to determine if the burn is safe.

3. Develop a Burn Plan:

- Create a detailed plan involving ignition method, escape routes, and contingency plans.

4. Prepare the Area:

- Clear area in 3-to-5-foot paths by mowing, tilling, or wetting down a strip around the burn area.

5. Start the Burn Strategically:

- Begin the burn on the downwind side of the area to be burned.

6. Maintain Control:

- Supervise the burn constantly and ensure that there are enough people available to assist in controlling the fire.

7. Monitor Weather Conditions:

- Actively monitor weather forecasts and compare them to conditions on the ground.

8. Use Appropriate Tools:

- Choose ignition tools and equipment suitable for the burn and become familiar with their use and safety procedures.

9. Wear Personal Protective Equipment:

- Wear fire-resistant clothing, long sleeves, eye protection, gloves, and leather boots.

10. Have Emergency Equipment Ready:

- Keep water, shovels, and fire extinguishers nearby for emergency use.

11. Control Smoke:

- Manage smoke dispersion to minimize impacts on sensitive areas and air quality.

12. Be Prepared to Extinguish the Fire:

- Ensure the fire is completely out before leaving the site and extinguish any smoldering fuels.