

BURNING REGULATIONS

West Peculiar Fire Protection District

Land clearing/Open Burning:

1. Permitted items are trees, leaves, & brush. No hay/straw.
2. Must be 200 yards from nearest structure except one's own.
3. No open burning within most subdivisions.
4. **Fill out a Burn permit (MO-DNR) app. at WPFD Headquarters**
5. Permit must be approved and returned from the Fire District and on site.
6. Call FD to check burn conditions on the day of the burn (**779-5766**)
7. **No burning on days forecast winds of over 15 mph.**
8. Fire must be attended at all times.
9. Fire must be extinguished by sunset.
10. Check Ozone color-No burn on Yellow, Orange, or red days.
11. To Check Ozone color phone: TV news (**April through September**)
12. Check NOAA website for weather forecast/forecast wind speed.
13. Large fires may require an ACD device if within a subdivision.
14. FD reserves right to have all fires extinguished for safety concerns.

Open Burning:

1. These fires sit directly on the ground.
2. These fires require an approved Fire District permit.
3. Most open burns except land clearing are considered 5 x 5 x 5 in size.
4. Advise FD of burn before burning.
5. All fires must be attended.
 6. No fire within 25 feet of combustibles.
7. Open burning within most sub-divisions is prohibited.
8. No burning of trash, wiring, or prohibited materials.

Recreational Fires:

1. Patio fire places fall under this category.
2. Small twigs and sticks can be burned.
3. No major smoke producing materials.
4. Must be in a container and sit off the ground and have a screen to control embers.

PROHIBITED MATERIALS (ALL TYPES OF BURNING)

- A. Plastics B. Garbage C. Wire insulation D. Rubber E. All petroleum based products F. Animal waste G. lumber or lumber like materials.

Definitions:

Open burning: The burning of materials where products of combustion are emitted directly into ambient air without passing through a stack or chimney from an enclosed chamber. These fires sit directly on the ground. These fires will require an approved Fire District permit and are **prohibited** in residential subdivisions unless on estate size lots.

No burning allowed within the city limits unless the 200 yard requirements can be met. Only rural estate type lots may meet this requirement.

Recreational fire: An outdoor fire where burning materials are other than rubbish and the fuel being burned is contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, portable outdoor fireplace, barbecue grill, and these fires do not sit directly on the ground. These fires have a separation between the earth and the base of the fire. These fires shall have a screen or similar device to protect from flying embers.

Bon fire: An outdoor fire utilized for ceremonial purposes. These fires fall under the definition of an Open burn.

***Violations of the Burning regulations can result in fines of up to \$10,000. ***

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