



**BURNING PERMITS:** The City requires a permit for burning, by calling the City Hall at 670-5113 prior to starting any prescribed burning. This allows them to know which fires are intended when they receive well-intentioned cell phone calls from folks reporting that something is on fire, and avoids dispatching costly resources to a prescribed burn that does not need help. Permits will not be issued on Sundays.

The term **controlled burn** means exactly what it sounds like. Property owners will be allowed to burn small brush piles measuring 10 feet by 10 feet. Controlled burns can be very dangerous to people and property so keep in mind that it is also not recommended to burn:

On or near city streets

On or near Water Meters

Near evergreen trees or other plants in the landscape that are extremely flammable.

Near Propane Tanks

Anywhere the smoke may create a traffic hazard by obscuring visibility on a roadway

Anywhere that threatens the property of another

Remember, if your fire gets away from you, you could be civilly liable for damages caused to the property of others, and in extreme cases could even face criminal charges

**Attendance.** Controlled burning shall be constantly attended until the fire is completely extinguished. A garden hose shall be available for immediate utilization. The Fire Chief may require additional fire extinguishing provisions depending on the location and scope of the controlled burning operation

**Allowable Fuels.** Only land clearing waste such as tree trimmings, brush, or other vegetable matter indigenous to the site which is rendered as waste as a result of land clearing operations may be used as fuel for controlled burning operations. The burning of all other types of refuse shall be prohibited

**Hazardous Materials.** Combustible and flammable liquids shall not be used to aid the ignition of any controlled burning operation. Furthermore, the application, dispensing, or use of a combustible or flammable liquid, or any other hazardous material, upon or into the fuel used in any open burning operation including a controlled burn, bonfire, or recreational fire shall be considered an unauthorized release of a hazardous material and is strictly prohibited

## **You may NOT legally burn**

**Refuse.** The burning of refuse on your property shall be prohibited. Refuse shall mean and include garbage, rubbish, and trade waste defined as follows:

1. Garbage shall mean animal and vegetable matter such as that originating in houses, kitchens, restaurants and hotels, produce markets, food service or processing establishments, greenhouses, and hospitals, clinics or veterinary facilities.
2. Rubbish shall mean solids not considered to be highly flammable or explosive such as, but not limited to, rags, old clothes, leather, rubber, carpets, wood, excelsior, paper, ashes, , furniture, metal food containers, glass, crockery, masonry, and other similar materials.
3. Trade waste shall mean all solid or liquid material resulting from construction, building operations, or the prosecution of any business, trade or industry such as, but not limited to, plastic products, cinders and other forms of solid or liquid waste materials.

**Materials Producing Dense Smoke.** The burning of tires, asphalt materials, automobile bodies, used crankcase oil, impregnated wood or similar materials which produce dense smoke shall also be prohibited.

If you are conducting a burn, and for any reason the fire gets out of your control, immediately call 911. Even if you think you will be able to catch up, it is better to call and get help coming than to wait until it is even worse. Other than situations of gross negligence, or burning during the rare outright burn bans, you will not be penalized for calling.

**Spot Inspections.** Periodic spot inspections will be made by the Fire Chief to determine adherence to the operating guidelines and fire safety requirements.