



CITY OF ABILENE FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIRE PREVENTION 250 GRAPE ST ABILENE, TX 79601 (325) 676-6434

OPEN BURNING

Definition

- Open burning is the burning of a bonfire, rubbish fire or other fire in an outdoor location where fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, barbecue grill or barbecue pit.

Applications Shall Meet these Requirements

- 2021 International Fire Code; Chapter 3
- Texas Commission on Environmental Quality regulations
- Abilene Fire Department policy

Permit Submittals

- A fire code permit is required to conduct open burning. A completed permit application must be submitted 10 days before the event.
- Accompanying the application shall be:
 - (1) A site drawing showing distances to property lines, public ways and nearby structures.
 - (2) Written details of any firefighting equipment and/or personnel available.

Note: Incomplete applications will not be considered for approval.

Weather Requirements

- Wind gusts less than 15 mph.
- Relative humidity not below 25%.

Special Considerations

- Open burning of lumber, rubbish, wastepaper, rubber, heavy oils, asphaltic materials or flammable/combustible liquids are strictly prohibited.
- Open burning shall not be conducted within 50 feet of any structure or other combustible material, including vegetation.
- Conditions which could cause the fire to spread to within 50 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.
- Pile dimensions are limited to 15' diameter and 10' height in open areas. Smaller piles are required when deemed necessary by the Fire Marshal or designee.
- Fires shall not be started before sunrise and must be **thoroughly extinguished** before dusk.
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- Piles shall be free of dirt, etc. which could cause a smoldering fire.
- Smoke which is obscuring traffic, offensive to neighbors, or creating a hazardous condition shall void the permit.
- A garden hose connected to a water supply or other approved fire-extinguishing equipment shall be readily available for use at open-burning sites.
- Access roads and fire breaks may be required.
- Burning material shall be constantly attended by a person knowledgeable in the use of the fire-extinguishing equipment and familiar with the permit limitations which restrict open burning. **An attendant shall supervise the burning material until fire has been extinguished.**
- The Fire Department shall be notified **each day** prior to burning. Call 673-8331 or 676-6434, if no answer leave a message containing the address of the burning and a phone number of the contact person on site.
- Open burning in occupied areas may require proof of liability insurance and notification of area property owners.
- **NO OPEN BURNING PERMITS WILL BE ISSUED, AND NO OPEN BURNING WILL BE ALLOWED, DURING A TAYLOR COUNTY BURN BAN ORDERED BY COUNTY JUDGE.**



CITY OF ABILENE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE



OPEN BURNING PERMIT SUBMITTAL

250 Grape St. Abilene, TX 79601 (325) 676-6434 Fax: (325) 676-6673 afdprev@abilenetx.gov

Complete and return to the Abilene Fire Marshal's Office at least ten (10) working days prior to projected burning date. At the time of application, attach a site plan of burn pile(s); include distances to property lines, roads, structures and any other combustibles.

Burn Date(s):

Location:

Applicant's Name:

Applicants Phone #: Email:

Billing Address: Apt/Suite:
City: State: Zip:

I understand all statements made herein are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand and agree to notify the City of Abilene Fire Marshal's Office of any changes in the written information in this application within five (5) working days from the date such change occurs. I have read and understand the Open Burning Guidelines. Furthermore, I agree to pay all permit fees associated with this application.

Signature: Date:

List type(s) of material to be burned:

List type(s) of available water source:

Non-profit Agency: Yes No Site Drawing enclosed: Yes No

(Select One)
Permit fee: **\$50.00** Enclosed: Invoice:

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

Date Received: Submittal Approval: Yes No

Plans Examiner: Date Permit Issued :