



OPEN BURN PERMIT GUIDELINES:

The City of Bettendorf provides yard waste pickup throughout the year and is free for two (2) weeks in the spring and six (6) weeks in the fall. This service should be used prior to the request for an open burn permit.

To apply for an Open Burn Permit, contact the Bettendorf Fire Department at 1609 State Street or by phone (563 344-4030) Monday through Friday from 7:30 am-4:00 pm a minimum of 24 hours in advance of the day you want to burn. Permits must be readily available at the burn site upon request of the Fire or Police officials. All such permits shall be subject to compliance by the applicant with the fire code requirements listed below, and any regulation in the Iowa Administrative Code. The permit site may be subject to inspection by the fire code official prior to the issuance of an open burn permit. **Construction materials, garbage, or other man-made products shall not be burned at any time.**

1. No fire may be kindled when wind velocity exceeds fifteen (15) miles per hour.
2. Open burning shall be constantly attended by a competent person until the fire is extinguished.
3. Approved on-site fire extinguishment equipment must be available for immediate utilization.
4. Open burning shall be only permitted from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm daily, year-round. All open fires must be completely extinguished at 5:00 pm.
5. The burn pile shall not be composed in whole or substantial part of leaves, and may be no more than eight (8) feet in diameter, and must be no closer than fifty (50) feet from the nearest structure. This may be reduced to twenty-five (25) feet if the pile is no larger than three (3) feet in diameter and two (2) feet in height.
6. No more than two (2) permits will be issued to a property per calendar year for open burning unless approved by the Fire Chief or Assistant Chief. Permits shall be issued for one (1) day only within a seven (7) consecutive day period. The permit may be reissued or extended due to the weather.



7. Before the fire is started, the applicant shall advise the SECC Dispatch Center (563-388-3694) and give notice of intent to start. After the burn is completed, the applicant shall again call the Dispatch Center and give notice that the fire is extinguished.

Discontinuance: The Fire Department or Police Department shall reserve the right to order the extinguishment of **ANY** fire, at any time, at the sole discretion of any fire officer, acting fire officer or police officer if it is determined that smoke emissions are offensive to occupants of surrounding property or if the fire constitutes a hazardous condition to life or property.

Illegal Burning: Illegal burning can result in a municipal citation. The Bettendorf Fire Department or Police Department follows up on all burn complaints and may issue a warning or citation for failure to comply with the burning provisions of the International Fire Code and Bettendorf Municipal Code for any fire.

Burn Bans: The Fire Chief, or his/her designee, shall reserve the right to place a "Burn Ban" into effect prohibiting all or any outdoor burning for a specified amount of time. The City of Bettendorf complies with all burn bans issued by Scott County and / or the State of Iowa.