

## **BURNING REGULATIONS**

South Metro Fire Protection District

Raymore, Lake Winnebago, and Northern portion of un-incorporated Cass County

### **Land clearing/Open Burning: (Permit required)**

Permitted items are trees, leaves, & brush. No hay/straw.

1. Must be 200 yards from nearest structure except one's own.
2. No open burning within most subdivisions.
  - a. Mullen Dyke & Dyke land where open burning fire is prohibited.
3. **Fill out a Fire District burn permit app. at SMFD Headquarters**
4. Permit must be approved and returned from the Fire District and on site.
5. Call FD to check burn conditions on the day of the burn (**331-3008**)
6. **No burning on days forecast winds of over 15 mph.**
7. Fire must be attended at all times.
8. Fire must be extinguished by sunset.
9. Check Ozone color-No burn on Yellow, Orange, or red days.
  
10. Check NOAA website for weather forecast/forecast wind speed.
11. Large fires may require an ACD device if within a subdivision or city limits.
12. FD reserves right to have all fires extinguished for safety concerns.

### **Open Burning: (Fire that sit directly on the ground)**

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 or less.
4. Advise FD of burn before burning. 816-331-3008
5. All fires must be attended.
6. No fire within 25 feet of combustibles.
7. **Open burning within most sub-divisions is prohibited** unless in a patio fire place.
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. (*Leaves*) is an example
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

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 in the Mullen Dyke and Dyke land subdivisions due to the distance requirement of 200 yards and not zoned agriculture.**

**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.

**Burning within the city limits- One can burn on patio in a fireplace of what one would burn in a home built fireplace.**

**\*\*\*Open burning within the city limits unless on acreage or zoned agriculture is prohibited unless a F.D. Burn permit has been issued. Burning regulations are covered under Fire District Ordinance. \*\*\* No burning on any multi-family decks.**

Fire Marshal Office 816- 331-3008