

THE VILLAGE OF OAK BROOK FIRE DEPARTMENT

BONFIRE PROCEDURES

- A permit is required in Oak Brook for open burning for all fires with the exception of cooking fires and leaf burning.
- The burn site shall be the minimum size for the intended purpose and will never be more than five feet by five feet by five feet (W x L x H).
- The location for any open burning shall not be less than 50 feet from any structure, and provisions should be made to prevent the fire from spreading to within 50 feet of any structure (e.g. garden hose extended within 10 feet of burn site).
- All combustibles must be natural landscape waste. No trash or accelerants (e.g. gasoline, etc.) are allowed.
- A competent person must constantly attend the fire until such fire is extinguished.
- The Fire Department must be notified two hours prior to starting the open burn even when a permit has been issued. The number to call is 630-368-8700 (Communications Center).
- All open burning shall be extinguished by sunset, with the exception of ceremonial bonfires or cooking fires.
- **The Fire Chief and all authorized personnel may prohibit any or all open burns when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous, offensive or objectionable.**
- **Upon receipt of a complaint regarding open burning, fire units will respond to the location of the fire and facilitate extinguishment.**

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WILDLAND BURN PROCEDURES

- The Fire Department must be notified two hours prior to starting the open burn even when a permit has been issued. The number to call is 630-368-8700 (Communications Center).
- All wildland burning shall be extinguished by sunset.
- The Fire Department shall be notified immediately if conditions develop that exceed the extinguishment capabilities the on site burn crews.
- The weather forecast must be obtained one hour prior to the burn and must be within the following parameters:

	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
a. Wind Speed	5 mph	15 mph
b. Relative Humidity	35	75
c. Temperature	35	75
- d. The prevailing wind cannot be such that smoke will enter residential areas and/or roadways.
- For burns larger than 2 acres, an ATV pumper shall be on site as well as at least 100-150 gallons of water with a pump and hose on a mobile vehicle capable of off road driving. For larger acreage burns there shall be no less than 100-150 gallons of water, per 10 acre area (e.g. 40 acres requires 4 pumpers and 1 ATV).
- No more than two burn sites shall be burning simultaneously.
- The incident commander shall carry a cell phone and provide the number to the Fire Department two hours prior to the burn.

- The Fire Chief and all authorized personnel may prohibit any or all open burns when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous, offensive or objectionable.
- Upon receipt of a complaint regarding open burning, fire units will respond to the location of the fire and facilitate extinguishment.
- Only firefighters certified in wildland burn management may participate in a wildland burn, and must wear the appropriate level of protective clothing.
- The burn plan approved by the Fire Department, as part of the permit process must be followed.
- Burn plans must include provisions to prevent smoke from accumulating on roadways and residential areas and/or creating visibility or health problems.
- Burns that do not comply with all of the above are prohibited.