



Grapevine Fire Department

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OUTDOOR BURNING OF COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS

The Grapevine Fire Department in conjunction with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (http://www.tceq.texas.gov/publications/rg/rg-049.html/at_download/file) regulates the burning of combustible materials within the City of Grapevine, Texas.

Outdoor open burning of brush, leaves and other combustible material or hazardous materials is not allowed.

The few exceptions deal solely with the clearing of land on a large scale.

Requirements:

1. A permit application must be completed and on file at the Fire Prevention Office located at 601 Boyd Drive, Grapevine, Texas 76051.
2. The person completing the application must be the person responsible for the property or responsible for the work being performed on the property and qualified to sign the City of Grapevine liability release form and the burn application form.
3. Permit approval conditions under which the burning may occur.
 - a. Any material other than dry plant growth or natural wood shall not be burned. No exceptions. This restriction includes sawn lumber, paper goods, rubber, or any other synthetic material shall not be burned.
 - b. The burning must be at least three hundred (300) feet from any residential, recreational, commercial, or public building. The burning must also meet this distance requirement to any property line or public way. Conditions, which could cause the fire to spread to within 50 feet of a structure, shall be eliminated prior to ignition.
 - c. If the burning will cause smoke to blow onto or across a public way, it is the responsibility of the person signing the burn application to post flagmen on the affected public ways in accordance with the Department of Public Safety rules and regulations.
 - d. The fire may be ignited no earlier than 9:00 am and must be completely extinguished by 5:00 p.m. of the same day. It is this department's suggestion that the fire not be provided with fuel after 2:00 p.m. to insure the fire will be completely extinguished by the 5:00 p.m. deadline.
 - e. The fire shall not be left unattended at any time. A competent person shall maintain control of the fire at all times.
 - f. Burning shall not be conducted when meteorological forecast predict wind movement of less than six (6) miles per hour or greater than twenty three (23) miles per hour, or when a significant shift in wind direction is predicted which could produce adverse effects during

the burning period.

- g. Burning shall not be conducted during periods of actual or predicted persistent (12 hours or more) low-level (below 1600 feet) atmosphere inversions or in areas covered by a current air stagnant advisory.
- h. Permission to burn must be obtained from the Grapevine Fire Marshal's Office every morning prior to ignition of the fire. If any condition exist that would affect the burning, you would be notified at this time.
- i. A water supply capable of extinguishing the fire must be on location at all times while the burning is being conducted.
- j. The authority to conduct outdoor burning under this policy does not exempt or excuse the person responsible from the consequences, damages, or injuries resulting from the burning and does not exempt or excuse anyone from complying with all other applicable laws and regulations, ordinances or orders of government entities having jurisdiction even though the burning is otherwise conducted in compliance with these requirements.
- k. The Fire Chief, or his authorized representative, is authorized to require the burning operation be immediately discontinued if the Chief determines that the smoke emissions are offensive to occupants of surrounding property or if the burning is determined to constitute a hazardous condition.