



Community Services
104 West Hird Street
Gainesville, Texas 76240
940-665-4799

BURN PERMIT

PERMIT NUMBER:

Description of Property: _____

Address of location: _____

Date of Burn: _____ End Date for Burn (not to exceed 5 days): _____

Description of Burn:

Required Documentation:

- * DIAGRAM OF SITE PLAN – Where burn will take place on property.
- ** APPLICATION AND ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION MUST BE SUBMITTED AND APPROVED PRIOR TO PROCESSING BURN PERMIT REQUEST.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Fax: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

APPROVED

DENIED

TOTAL FEE

REVIEWED BY:

CITY OF GAINESVILLE TEXAS OPEN
BURNING, RECREATIONAL FIRES,
BONFIRES REGULATIONS

This information is provided for all persons within the City Limits of Gainesville, Texas.

Persons wishing to conduct an outdoor burn should be aware of State and Local Regulations that apply to outdoor burning. State Requirements are addressed in a document entitled "Outdoor Burning in Texas", published by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, (formerly the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission). This information can be accessed online at www.tceq.state.tx.us and searching under available publications. Local requirements from the City of Gainesville are covered in the 2015 Edition of the International Fire Code, Section 307 as amended. Any of these regulations may apply to outdoor burns in Gainesville.

The Fire Code requires that all persons who wish to conduct open burning complete a permit application and obtain a burning permit. Before a permit is issued, a Fire Marshal's Office official may inspect the premises to verify information regarding the permit application. In instances where laws or regulations are enforceable by any other governmental entity having jurisdiction, joint approval shall be obtained. Permits shall be kept on the premises designated therein at all times and shall be posted in a conspicuous locations on the premises, or shall be kept on the premises in a location designated by the Fire Marshal's office. Permits shall be subject to inspection at all times by an officer of the fire or police department or other persons authorized by the Fire Marshal. Permits may be revoked at any time when it is determined by the Fire Marshal (or designee) that any conditions or limitations set forth in a permit have been violated, which may result in fines or additional fees issued by the fire department or TCEQ.

The authority to conduct outdoor burning under the regulations listed below does not exempt or excuse any 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 or ordinances, regulations, and orders of governmental entities having jurisdiction, even though the burning is otherwise conducted in compliance with the regulations listed below.

Review the following burn regulations and then contact the Community Services Department to request and or apply for a burn permit. A Fire Inspector will set up an appointment to come out and conduct a site inspection. This inspection must be conducted with the owner or owner's representative. If the inspection passes, the Fire Inspector will approve the issuance of the permit and authorize the Community Services Department to issue permit. It is recommended to apply for a burn permit two to three days prior to the desired commencement of the burn.

A copy of the permit application and inspection must remain available on site at all times. Burning is allowed with a permit only after an on-site inspection by the Fire Marshal's Office. Permit fee is \$100.00. Permits are issued "per occurrence". Burn permits are valid for 5 days. When the permit expires, applicants may start the permit process again.

Contact police/fire dispatch non-emergency at 940-668-7777 prior to the commencement of burning. Give the Dispatcher your address information, emergency call back telephone number and burn permit number. Also, notify Fire Marshal's Office the weekday/business day before the planned burn at 940-668-7777 extension 737 to verify that the weather conditions are satisfactory to conduct the burn. The website www.accuweather.com will be utilized as a resource in making decisions on burn/no burn conditions and projections. The Fire Marshal's Office will also verify that a burn ban is not in effect. This approval will be recorded by the Fire Marshal's Office and could be considered a violation of the permit regulations if it is not made each day prior to commencement of an open burn.

A phone shall be available to call 9-1-1 if the fire gets out of control.

You must have control of your fire at all times. Out of control wildfires are subject to fees or fines to cover expenses incurred by the fire department during extinguishment.

The location for open burning shall not be less than 300 feet from any structure, and provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading to within 300 feet of any structure.

Burning shall be commenced and conducted only when wind direction and other meteorological conditions are such that smoke and other pollutants will not cause adverse effects to any public road, or off-site structure containing sensitive receptor(s) as listed below:

Winds more than 6 MPH but less than 15 MPH during the burn period.

Burning shall not be conducted during periods of actual or predicted persistent low-level atmospheric temperature inversions.

The initiation of burning shall commence no earlier than one hour after sunrise. Burning shall be completed on the same day one hour before sunset (ceremonial and campfire/cooking fires may be later). In cases where residual fires and/or smoldering objects continue to emit smoke after this time, such areas shall be extinguished if the smoke from these areas has the potential to create a nuisance or traffic hazard condition. In no case shall the extent of the burn area be allowed to increase after this time.

The burning of domestic waste is **PROHIBITED**. The State of Texas defines domestic waste as follows: wastes that normally result from the function of life within a residence—for example, kitchen garbage, untreated lumber, cardboard boxes, packaging, clothing, grass, leaves. Such things as tires, construction debris, furniture, carpet, electrical wire, and appliances are not considered to be domestic waste but also cannot be burned. Other conditions of the general requirements for outdoor burning do not apply to the burning of domestic waste, but the outdoor burn must not cause a nuisance or traffic hazard. If at any time the burning causes or may tend to cause smoke to blow onto or across a road or highway, it is the responsibility of the person initiating the burn to post flag-persons on affected roads.

Open burning shall be constantly attended by a person knowledgeable in the use of fire-extinguishing equipment and familiar with the permit limitations which restrict open burning until the fire is extinguished. An attendant shall supervise the burning material until the fire has been completely extinguished. A garden hose connected to a water supply or other approved fire-extinguishing equipment shall be readily available for use at open-burning sites.

Burning must be conducted downwind of, or at least 300 feet from any structure containing sensitive receptors located on adjacent properties unless prior written approval is obtained from whoever owns or rents the adjacent property and either resides or conducts business there.

Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 100 feet of a structure, property line or combustible material. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 100 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition. Recreational fires shall be limited to no larger than 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet in height.

Bonfires or any other open burning shall be conducted utilizing standard open burning rules.

If a complaint is received by Gainesville Fire-Rescue that your Outdoor Burn, Recreational Fire or Bonfire is aggravating the sensitive receptors i.e., eyes, nose, and/or lungs of persons in the area near your burn, you will be asked by the Fire Marshal or his representative to immediately extinguish the fire.

Please contact the Fire Marshal's Office at 940-668-7777 extension 737 if you have any questions in reference to open burning or burn permits.