

Burning Regulations

1. To burn, the resident must notify the Barron County Sheriff's Department (715-537-3106) giving them their address and the times they wish to burn.
2. Open burning shall be constantly attended and supervised by a competent person of at least 18 years of age until the fire is extinguished and is cold. Fire extinguishing equipment for the total control of the fire must be nearby.
3. The resident is responsible for the fire and must use good judgment when burning. They may visit <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/forestfire/restrictions.html> for fire danger information or call 1-888-WIS-BURN (947-2876).
4. Residents may call 715-924-4598 with questions. This number rolls over to the phone of the Fire Chief so please leave a message if there is no answer.
5. Citizens are encouraged to think of their neighbors and use back yard composting or disposal at any area compost site as an environmentally sound and "neighbor friendly" alternative to open burning.
6. With exception of the permit provision, all other items outlined in the City Ordinance are in effect and required. Sec. 42-71. - Open burning brush and leaves.
 - (a) Open burning of brush and leaves is allowed with a permit. (**notification to Barron County Sheriff Department 715-637-6737**)
 - (b) Open burning of logs is allowed only in accordance with all the following provisions:
 - (1) Outdoor campfires (no larger than three feet wide and three feet high) for cooking, ceremonies, or recreation are allowed provided they do not cause a nuisance. Campfires must be contained in an approved fire ring.
 - (2) Open burning shall be constantly attended and supervised by a competent person of at least 18 years of age until the fire is extinguished and is cold. The person shall have readily available for use such fire extinguishing equipment as may be necessary for the total control of the fire.
 - (3) No materials may be burned upon any street, curb, gutter or sidewalk or on the ice of a lake, pond, stream or water body.
 - (4) Except for barbecue, gas, and charcoal grills, no burning shall be undertaken within 15 feet from any combustible material, combustible wall or partition, exterior window opening, exit access or exit unless authorized by the Fire Chief.
 - (5) Small bonfires are allowed with a permit. (**notification to Sheriff's department 715-637-6737**)Sec. 42-72. - Prescribed burning.
 - (a) "Prescribed burn" means the burning, in compliance with a prescription and to meet planned fire or land management objectives, of a continuous cover of fuels. A "prescription" means a written plan establishing the criteria necessary for starting, controlling, and extinguishing a burn.
 - (b) Fires set for forest, prairie, and wildlife habitat management are allowed only if conducted in accordance with Part 515 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, MCL 324.51501 et seq.