

RESIDENTIAL BURNING PERMIT GUIDELINES

- The initiation of burning shall commence no earlier than sunrise. Burning shall be completed on the same day not later than one hour before sunset- Official sunrise/sunset as set forth in the United States Naval Observatory tables available from National Weather Service offices.
- Burn permits are issued for the open burning of natural vegetation (brush, shrubs, leaves, and limbs) solely for the purpose of property improvement. The burning of trash, processed wood, construction materials, or cardboard/paper products is prohibited.
- Burn permits are issued exclusively to the address listed on the permit and cannot be used elsewhere.
- Burn permits will be issued for a time limit of 14 calendar days.
- Burn permits must be available to present on-site at all times.
- Maximum size of burn pile shall not exceed 6ft x 6ft x 6ft unless authorized by fire department representative.
- Burn piles shall be located a minimum of 50 feet from all structures, property lines, easements, utility lines, and public ways.
 - Exceptions:
 1. Fires in approved containers that are not less than 15 feet from a structure.
 2. The minimum required distance from a structure shall be 25 feet where the pile size is 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height.
- The burn site must be cleared, cleaned or disked for a radius of at least 15 feet around each pile of vegetation prior to initiating any burning.
- 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, landing strip, navigable water, or off-site structure containing sensitive receptor(s). Optimal wind speed is 5mph and shall not exceed 20mph
- Burning shall not be conducted during periods of actual or predicted persistent low-level atmospheric temperature inversions or times of when humidity is too low (30%) or too high (80%).
- Applicant must own or have control of property at the address listed on the permit.
- The rules and regulations governing burning within the city of Marshall will be observed.
- Burning shall be supervised by a responsible adult at all times. The Applicant will be responsible for damages which might occur as a result of the permitted fire.
- If smoke or odors from burning causes any disturbances to persons or motorists, or if the fire is left unattended, the fire must be extinguished.
*(*Reminder: green or wet wood can cause for more smoke to be produced)*
- Burning permit may be revoked at any time by the fire chief, fire marshal, or their duly authorized representative for violation of the burning ordinance.
- ***VIOLATIONS FOR BURNING WITHOUT A PERMIT, EXPIRED PERMIT, REVOKED PERMIT, OR FOR NONCOMPLIANCE OF THE BURNING PERMIT GUIDELINES, CITY ORDINANCES, STATE, OR FEDERAL LAW MAY RESULT WITH A MISDEMEANOR AND SHALL BE ISSUED A CITATION TO APPEAR IN MUNICIPAL COURT TO FACE A FINE OF \$200-\$2000.00. BURNING WHILE UNDER A BURN BAN WILL RESULT IN AN AUTOMATIC \$500 FINE.**