

OPEN OUTDOOR BURNING

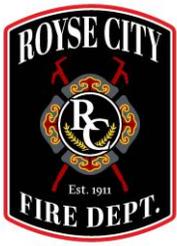
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All open outdoor burning criteria for the purposes of these guidelines and any other guidelines or requirements of the Fire Department shall conform to the 2018 International Fire Code, as adopted and amended by the City of Royse City.

These guidelines do not replace, nor supersede any codes and/or ordinances adopted by Royse City, or determinations and positions of the Royse City Fire Marshal's Office.

307.2 Permit required. A permit, which is issued at the discretion of the fire code official, shall be obtained from the fire code official in accordance with section 105.6 prior to kindling a fire for recognized silvicultural or range or wildlife management practices, prevention or control of disease or pests, bonfire, or open burning. Permits for agricultural purposes shall be issued by the fire code official subject to the following:

- ❖ The fire code official is authorized to place instructions and stipulations necessary for the safety of the public on the use of such permit. Instructions and stipulations of the permit shall be adhered to, and failure to adhere to any instructions and stipulations of the permit shall be an offense and grounds for revocation.
- ❖ A plan of the proposed burn with sufficient detail for the fire code official to assess any hazards shall be submitted by the applicant prior to issuance of a permit.
- ❖ The fire code official is authorized, but not required, to conduct a pre-burn inspection of the site and a post-burn inspection of the site.
- ❖ Permit holder must notify the fire department and Rockwall County Sheriff's Office prior to igniting any fire.
- ❖ The fire code official may deny issuance of permit pursuant to this section for previous non-compliance with this or other applicable laws, rules, and regulations.
- ❖ Permits will expire as indicated on the permit.
- ❖ In addition to any other lawful requirements, the following conditions shall apply, unless specifically excluded on the permit, to all open burning operational permits:
 - Open burning that is offensive or objectionable because of smoke or odor emissions or when atmospheric conditions or local conditions make such fire hazardous shall be prohibited;
 - Commencement or continued burning is allowed only when the wind direction and other weather conditions are such that the smoke and other pollutants will not present a hazard to any public transportation areas (e.g., roads, landing strips);
 - Permit holder shall post someone to flag traffic if at any time the burning causes or may tend to cause smoke to blow onto or across a road or highway;
 - Keep fires downwind of, or at least 300 feet away from, any structure other than that of the permit holder. This requirement may be waived only with the prior written approval of whoever owns or rents the adjacent property and either resides or conducts business there;
 - Open burning must begin no earlier than one hour after sunrise and end on the same day one hour before sunset;
 - Open burning may not commence unless weather conditions are such that the smoke will dissipate (winds of at least 6 miles per hour; no temperature inversions) while still allowing the fire to be contained and controlled (winds no faster than 23 miles per hour);
 - Open burning shall be permitted only on land parcels 2 acres or greater; and



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307.4 Location. The location for open burning shall not be less than 300 feet (91 440 mm) from any structure, and provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading to within 300 feet (91 440 mm) of any structure.

Exceptions:

- ❖ Fires in approved containers that are not less than 15 feet (4572 mm) from a structure.
- ❖ The minimum required distance from a structure shall be 25 feet (7620 mm) where the pile size is 3 feet (914 mm) or less in diameter and 2 feet (610 mm) or less in height.

307.5 Attendance. Open burning shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. Not fewer than one approved on-site fire extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose or water truck shall be available for immediate utilization.

These guidelines do not include trench burning