



## CITY OF EVANSVILLE

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### OPEN BURN REGULATIONS

All citizens are expected to comply with local and state open burning regulations to protect public health and safety.

#### AUTHORITY

- The Evansville Climate Collaborative (ECC) enforces Evansville Municipal Code 16.05.200 governing open burning within the City of Evansville in Vanderburgh County, Indiana. [City of Evansville open burning rules](#).
- The Indiana Dept. of Environmental Management (IDEM) enforces 326 Indiana Administrative Code 4-1 governing open burning throughout Indiana, including in Evansville. [State of Indiana open burning rules](#). Permit forms: [IDEM open burn permit forms](#)

#### REGULATIONS (summarized per EMC 16.05.200 & 326 IAC 4-1)

1. Open burning must comply with state and local open burning regulations.
2. Open burns must be permitted by local and/or state authorities.
  - a. Burns within ECC jurisdiction require ECC approval.
  - b. Burns not exempt (326 IAC 4-1-3) may require IDEM approval.
3. Advance approval with ECC can be requested over the phone M-F 8am -4 pm, and the waiver (written permit) can be issued via email. There is no fee.
4. Permits shall be made available to local authorities upon request and are valid only for the location listed on the permit.
5. Burning may be conducted ONLY under favorable weather conditions. Open burning shall NOT be conducted during high winds, a temperature inversion, air quality alert day, or burn ban.
6. The fire shall be extinguished if it creates an air pollution problem, a threat to public health, a nuisance. or a safety hazard.
7. The burn pile may not exceed (10'x10'x10' =1000ft.<sup>3</sup>) at any one time. Fires greater than (5'x5'x5' =125ft.<sup>3</sup>) require 24 hours advance notice to local fire dept. and health dept. Only one pile is allowed at a time.
8. ONLY clean wood or charcoal may be burned.
9. The fire shall not be used for disposal or salvage purposes. Waste generated as a result of a routine business operation may not be burned.
10. Clearing land for a change in land use requires that all pulpwood, marketable trees, or portions thereof shall be reclaimed.
11. The fire may not be within:
  - a. 100 ft. of a property line, structure, or power line
  - b. 300 ft. of a public road, flammable / hazardous material
12. Fires shall not be ignited with fuel, oil, tires, or any other petroleum product or smoke-producing material.
13. Fires shall be ignited during daylight hours and replenished only as to allow all of the material to be burned before sunset.
14. Fires must be attended at all times until completely extinguished.
15. Adequate fire suppression equipment shall be on-site at all times during burning.

#### DEFINITIONS

**Open Burning** - burning of material where the resulting air contaminants are emitted directly into the air without first passing through a stack or chimney.

**Waiver** – Permit required within ECC jurisdiction for fires larger than (3' x 2') in size. Valid only for a single day event.

#### **Burn ONLY**

- clean, natural growth
- clean, untreated wood products
- charcoal

#### **Burning PROHIBITED:**

- poison ivy or sumac, allergenic materials
- root balls, stumps, leaves
- asbestos-containing materials
- material treated with paint, stains, preservatives, glue, laminate, or pesticides
- furniture, carpet, TV's, appliances, tires
- paper, plastic, metal or other refuse

Failure to comply with all open burning regulations may result in invalidation of permit, dispatch of emergency services, and legal enforcement.