

Richwood Fire Department
Richwood, West Virginia 26261

Special Burning Permit

This permit authorizes _____ whose address is _____, to burn (describe material to be burned) _____

At the following location _____

Beginning _____ and ending _____

Date

Signature of Applicant

Signature of Issuing Officer

This permit does not relieve the applicant from responsibility should the fires escape. This permit does not authorize burning without landowner's consent. This permit shall be invalid unless dated. This permit shall be void should a hazard develop adjacent to the fire and not be eliminated during tenure of this permit.

Location Restricted: No person shall kindle or maintain any bonfire or rubbish fire or authorize any such fire to be kindled or maintained on any private land unless 1.) The location is not less than 50 feet from any structure and adequate provision is made to prevent fire from spreading to within 50 feet of any structure, or 2.) The fire is contained in an approved waste burner located safely not less than 15 feet from any structure.

Chief May Prohibit: The Chief of the Fire Department may prohibit any or all bonfire and outdoor rubbish fire when atmospheric or local circumstances make such fires hazardous. (WV Code Chapter 20, 3.5). The periods of each year between March 1 and May 31, inclusive and October 1 and December 31 inclusive shall be designated as fire seasons. Burning during these times shall be only between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 7 a.m. Eastern Standard Time. Burning at any time is permitted when one or more inches of snow is on the ground, designated appointees of the Director may issue permits authorizing fires forbidden by this law. The fact that fires during specified hours or with permits does not relieve burner of responsibility of damage, and allowing such fire to escape to the lands of another, abandoning a fire or illegally burning between designated hours without a permit is punishable up to \$300 in fines, plus and optional 100 days in jail. Deliberately sitting fire on the land of another is a felony, punishable up to one year in jail and \$1,000 in fines.

It's the Law. These types of fires are allowed: Vegetation (leaves, branches, and other vegetative matter) grown on the premises of a home or farm; Campfires and outdoor barbecues; vegetation from land clearing operations when a practical alternative disposal method is not possible.

Materials that are illegal to Open Burn Include: Household trash, asphalt, rubber or plastic, asbestos-containing materials which include building materials, insulation from copper wire and lumber.

Guidelines for Open Burning: Vegetation must be thoroughly dried at least 10 days; no trunks, limbs or stumps over eight inches in diameter (before splitting); conducted during daylight hours; size piles to burn out before dark; fires must be completely extinguished before and not allowed to smolder at night.