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All persons participating in any agricultural or open burn in Pottawatomie County shall abide by Pottawatomie County Resolution 2009-17. All permit holders are advised to sign up for Pottawatomie County Burn Notification through the NE Regional Emergency Alert System (<https://member.everbridge.net/index/453003085612434#/login>) to receive updates during the burn season on burn restrictions. **DO NOT** call the Sheriff's Department for weather updates.

Household trash burning does not require a permit, however, **ALL** household burning **SHALL** be done in a metal container **WITH** a fire (spark) screen cover. **ALL FIRES MUST BE MONITORED UNTIL OUT THEN SOAKED OUT!** Adequate suppression methods should be in place to extinguish any escaping embers, i.e. a charged hose line. Due caution must be exercised with all burns.

The following burns will **REQUIRE** a permit:

1. Crop, range, and/or pasture land
2. Wildlife or Watershed management
3. Small brush piles
4. All others in accordance with K.A.R. 28-19-647

The following burns will **DO NOT REQUIRE** a permit:

1. Household Trash (**SHALL** be done in a metal container **WITH** a fire (spark) screen cover)
2. Open burning for cooking
3. Ceremonial purposes
4. Recreational burns (camp fires)

Prohibited Items:

1. Lumber and lumber products
2. Shingles/tarpaper
3. Asbestos material (flooring, pipe covering, siding, etc.)
4. Tires
5. Oils, or any petroleum products
6. Any heavy smoke producing materials
7. Treat lumber or creosote soaked poles

Restrictions on open burning in the month of APRIL:

1. K.A.R. 28-19-645a. A person shall not cause or permit open burning operations of any waste, including vegetation and wood waste, structures, or any other materials on any premises during the month of April. Only grass and range land is permitted during this time frame.

If you are a Commercial Business and have large tree pile(s) to burn (land clearing piles), you must receive written permission from the State of Kansas, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), Bureau of Air. Contact the Bureau of Air at 785-296-6024. Please allow time for processing by the State.

Burning Procedure:

The procedure for burning will require the person wishing to burn to apply for, and have received a valid burning permit for Pottawatomie County. The permit holder must contact the Pottawatomie County Sheriff's Dispatch Center at 785-457-3353 before starting any burn and provide the following information:

1. Name
2. Permit Number
3. Location of burn (Address or nearest intersection)
4. Phone Number (of person tending to fire)
5. Size or area of burn and time of burn if possible
6. Disclosure of any public roadway within 1000ft. of the proposed burn.

Once a permit holder has contacted the Sheriff's Dispatch Center and provided the appropriate information to them, they may proceed with the burn as long as the burn can be completed in a safe and prudent manner. When the burn is completed, the Sheriff's Dispatch Center shall be called and advised that the burn is complete. The burn shall not ever be left unattended.

Caution should be taken when burning around Power poles, Telephone pedestals, Sign posts, and Plastic gas line markers. All of these are expensive to replace and only takes a few extra minutes to burn around to make sure you do not cause any damage. You can and may be charged for damages your fire occurs!

EMERGENCY

If you believe the fire is getting out of control, call 911. Provide the dispatcher with the following information:

1. Name
2. Location of the fire
3. Contact number, for call back
4. Provide any hazards that may be affected by the out of control fire
5. Any other information the dispatcher may request.

Upon arrival of the emergency units, provide them with the location of any structures, vehicles, or any other potential hazards.

1. Let the firefighters fight the fire
2. Seek medical attention if you are injured or hurt
3. Do not follow the trucks (safety & accountability)
4. Don't leave the scene without telling the Fire Department

Permission to Burn Denied:

Your permission to burn may be denied for a variety of reasons. The goal of Pottawatomie County is not to interfere with safe burning, however historically numerous fires have been started with the best of intentions, and have developed into emergency situations resulting in loss of property, injury and in other areas, even death.

Reasons for Denial:

1. Weather forecast (not only current, but for the day)
2. Wind
3. Foggy or very cloudy conditions
4. Other burns out of control (no resources to respond)
5. Any other unforeseen conditions

IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE PERMISSION TO BURN, DO NOT BURN

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Fire Supervisor or Assistant Fire Supervisor at 785-457-3358 option 2. If you have been denied permission to burn and believe it is essential that you burn at this certain time, please contact the Fire Supervisor in order to schedule an on-site inspection. **Your burn permit may be revoked for misuse and/or being noncompliant with these rules.**

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