

**Perkins Fire Department
Controlled Burning Rules & Regulations**

Issuance of permit does NOT relieve the permittee of:

- Responsibility for complying with air pollution laws, regulations, and ordinances.
- Responsibility for complying with all local, state, and federal forest fire laws.
- Responsibility for any damage the fires may cause to other parties or their property.

Permissible Residential Burning

- Only leaves, tree branches, and yard trimmings that originated on the premises of a private residence may be burned at that residence.
- Burning shall not create a nuisance.
- Burning may occur between 8:00 am and 6:00 pm.

Permissible Land Clearing

- Prevailing winds must be away from built up areas.
- The location of the burn must be at least 1000 feet from any occupied structure.
- The location of the burn must be at least 250 feet from the edge of a roadway if the prevailing wind is toward the roadway.
- Only kerosene distillate or diesel fuel may be used to start the fire.
- Burning may occur between 8:00 am and 6:00 pm.

Controlled Burning Rules & Regulations

- Burn permits shall be obtained from the Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief, or their designee prior to burning.
 - The person(s) listed on the application as those that will supervise the burn must be present during burning.
 - Perkins Fire Dispatch (**547-2855**) *must* be notified prior to burning. We strongly encourage notifying neighbors prior to burning.
 - Wind speed shall be *less* than 10mph. Wind speeds for Perkins can be verified at **www.mesonet.org**.
 - Prevailing winds shall not take products of combustion towards any adjacent property.
 - The person supervising the burn shall provide his own fire protection, i.e. garden hose, shovel, fire extinguisher, etc. At least one working garden hose or water source shall be available for use at all times.
 - The burn pile must be no less than 50 feet away from adjacent exposures (power lines, over hanging trees, etc) and no less than 50 feet from public roadways. Further, the burn pile shall be located not less than 100 feet from an occupied structure and no less than 500 feet from any oil or gas well. The burn process must not endanger any structure or exposure.
 - Fires shall be attended throughout the burn process. The duration shall last until such times as flames are absent and smoke has diminished.
 - Burn permits are valid for a period not exceeding 60 days.
 - Burn permits shall not be issued during a burn ban period. If a burn ban is issued after the permit is issued, the permit becomes void.
 - Burn permits shall not be issued during a Red Flag Fire Alert period. If a Red Flag Fire Alert is issued after the permit is issued, the permit becomes void.
 - Residents shall understand that with or without a burn permit, they can be held civilly liable for damage due to their controlled burn. Residents can also be fined \$500 plus costs per occurrence for illegal burning.
 - Burn permits will only be issued from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday and not during weekends or City of Perkins observed holidays.
 - The burn site and the materials to be burned are subject to inspection at any time during the burn period by the Perkins Fire Department.
 - Upon receipt of a complaint from the public of problems due to smoke or ash from a controlled burn, a Perkins Fire Department representative or Perkins Police Officer shall investigate and determine if a safety or health problem exists. Upon finding a problem, the representative or officer shall advise the person responsible for controlling the burn to extinguish the pile or the Perkins Fire Department will do so.
 - The Perkins Fire Department retains the authority to prohibit any burn at any time.
- **Only leaves, tree branches, and yard trimmings shall be burned. The burning of petroleum products, construction debris, garbage, or animal waste is prohibited.**

This is ONLY an application. Completion of this form does not give consent to burn.

Applicant Information

Own Rent Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Physical Address: _____

Burn Information

Address of burn (if different from above): _____

Purpose of burn: _____

Description of items to be burned: _____

Approximate size of area to be burned: _____

Items on hand at fire: Shovel Water Hose Fire Extinguisher Other _____

Person(s) that will supervise the burn: _____

Is the burn pile within 50 feet of adjacent exposures (power lines, trees, shrubs)? Yes No

Is the burn pile within 50 feet of a public roadway? Yes No

Is the burn pile within 500 feet of an oil or gas well? Yes No

Is the burn pile within 100 feet of an occupied structure? Yes No

If yes, list structures within 100 feet: _____

If the structures belong to neighbors, do you have written consent? Yes No

I, _____, understand that the City of Perkins strongly advises against burning within 100 feet of any structure. I have read and understand all of the "Controlled Burning Rules & Regulations." I agree to abide by these rules and regulations at all times and understand that failure to do so may result in a fine of \$500 plus costs. I understand that the permit must be readily accessible at the burn site during and after burning.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Fire Chief or Designee

Date