

CITY OF ALTOONA BURNING REGULATIONS
Chapter 8.04.010 – Open Burning/Permits

1. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to kindle or maintain an outdoor fire without first obtaining a permit from the Fire Department. Such permit shall be subject to the rules and conditions adopted by the Fire Department and approved by the City Council.
 - a.) **Leave and Yard Waste Regulations**
 - Permits are only good for one day
 - Permit allows the burning of leaves, grass, yard clippings and brush up to 1 inch in diameter
 - Copy of the permit must be left at the Fire Department
 - Burning hours are 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday – Saturday, with no burning on Sunday or holidays
 - Burning shall be under direct adult supervision
 - The individual obtaining the permit shall own the property or have the owner’s permission
 - Supervising adult may be held civilly accountable for any and all damages and cost, including the fire department response, resulting from said fire
 - Burning pile shall be no larger than 4ft. by 4ft.
 - When winds exceed 10 mph, burning will cease
 - Burning materials shall be dry and smoke kept to a minimum
 - Fire suppression equipment shall be readily available
 - No burning within 25 feet of a structure
 - No burning whatsoever on any boulevard or street right of way belonging to the city
 - Any complaint received in regard to excessive smoke may be cause for the extinguishment of the fire
 - **NO REFUSE BURNING**
 - b.) **Burning Barrels**
 - Shall follow all burning regulations as per the ordinance
 - Shall have ¼ inch or smaller mesh cover
 - Material to be burned shall be yard waste only
 - Material being burned must not extend outside of the barrel
 - c.) **Burning of Brush and Building Materials**
 - Burning of brush larger than 1 inch in diameter or wood building material requires a permit signed by the Fire Chief or his designee
 - Permits will be issued only after site inspection by the Fire Chief or his designee
 - Direct on-site supervision of burn shall be by a competent adult
 - Supervision shall be from the start of the fire and continuous until it is completely out
 - Burning materials shall be limited to what is listed on the permit
 - Supervising adult or contractor of a construction site may be held civilly accountable for any and all cost and damage, including Fire Department response resulting from said fire
2. The following outside burning shall be without a permit but shall be subject to restrictions adopted by the Fire Department and approved by the City Council
 - a.) **Recreational Fires (cooking, campfires)**
 - No permit is needed for a recreational fire, with the exception of a burning ban being in place
 - Must be supervised by an adult
 - Shall be in a burning pit with a fire ring
 - Fire ring shall be brick, concrete, or rock, or an approved metal device designed for outside fire and not to exceed 3 feet by 3 feet or 3 feet in diameter
 - Material to be burned shall not exceed the outside of the fire ring
 - Recreational fires are exempt from the burning hours and days
 - **NO REFUSE BURNING**
 - In the event of a burning ban, persons using a burning pit shall be required to obtain a permit from the Fire Chief or his designee
3. The Fire Chief shall have the authority to ban open burning in the city when he feels that for public safety this action needs to be taken. Burning bans shall be at two levels: general and total.
 - a.) **General Ban**
 - This will be on a day by day basis depending on the winds and precipitation
 - Burning permits will not be issued and those holding permits will be notified
 - No media notice will be extended for a general ban
 - Recreational fires require a burning permit
 - b.) **Total Ban**
 - The Fire Chief shall place a ban on all outdoor fires, including recreational fires and smoking, when he feels that public safety requires such action
 - Upon this notice to the media, the ban shall be in effect and shall remain in effect until formal notice is given that the ban is over
 - During such a ban, no person may kindle or maintain any open fire in the City