

OPEN BURNING PERMIT

A burning permit is required by law for any open fire, inside or outside of city limits. A burning permit is necessary because it is the law but additionally, it keeps Gretna Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department and Sarpy County dispatch informed of the locations of burns. This gives them a “heads up” of where burns are taking place which helps them plan for a possible fire out of control. You may be assessed a fine up to \$500.00 if you choose to burn without a permit.

A burning permit is **FREE!** Please come to City Hall Monday – Friday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM to fill out your permit in person. We will ask you name, phone number, burn location, person supervising the burn, a description of the material to be burned (such as brush), as well as the date and time of the burn. A burn permit will be issued up to 24 hours prior to the burn but no earlier.

Here are some provisions governing open burning which are in accordance with Nebraska State Statute 81-521.01 and rules of the Gretna Fire and Rescue Department:

- **There will be no burning when the wind conditions exceed 12 mph** or any conditions exist which may cause a hazardous situation.
- Any fire which is allowed to get out of control and results in the summoning of the fire department is subject to possible legal action
- The property owner or his authorized representative accepts all financial responsibility for any costs incurred (including fire suppression costs) if the fire becomes out of control.
- The property owner or his authorized representative must keep this permit on his person at all times while burning.
- The fire must be attended at all times with sufficient means at hand to control the burning until the fire has completely burned out. Burned brush, logs or other solid materials must be covered with earth or thoroughly saturated with water before the attendant leaves the site.
- An area sufficient to prevent communications of the fire beyond the burning site must be cleared before burning.
- An authorized officer or firefighter of the Fire Department may conduct on-site inspections at any time. Failure to follow these provisions governing the burning may lead to revocation of this permit.
- When a ban of burning is put into effect by the Gretna Fire Department, this permit will automatically be revoked until such ban is removed.
- Air quality regulations may necessitate an additional permit from the Department of Environmental Control (402) 471-2186.