

Stephenville Fire Department

Fire Prevention Division

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Conditions of Outdoor Burning (Failure to comply with these conditions may result in the issuance of a citation and/or penalties from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality):

Requirements of the Stephenville Fire Department:

Regardless of the issue date or expiration date of the permit, you must contact a member of the Stephenville Fire Prevention Office at (254) 918-1202 for approval on the morning the burn is to begin. Office hours for the Fire Prevention Office are 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

The burn site must be no less than 300 feet from other developed property.

Requirements of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality AND the Stephenville Fire Department:

Burning shall be commenced and conducted only when wind direction and other meteorological conditions are such that smoke and other pollutants will not cause adverse effects to any public road, landing strip, navigable water, or off-site structure containing sensitive receptor(s).

If at any time the burning causes or may tend to cause smoke to blow onto or across a road or highway, it is the responsibility of the person initiating the burn to post flag-persons on affected roads.

Burning must be conducted downwind of or at least 300 feet (90 meters) from any structure containing sensitive receptors located on adjacent properties unless prior written approval is obtained from the adjacent occupant with possessory control.

Burning shall be conducted in compliance with the following meteorological and timing considerations:

- (A) The initiation of burning shall commence no earlier than one hour after sunrise. Burning shall be completed on the same day not later than one hour before sunset, and shall be attended by a responsible party at all times during the active burn phase when the fire is progressing. In cases where residual fires and/or smoldering objects continue to emit smoke after this time, such areas shall be extinguished if the smoke from these areas has the potential to create a nuisance or traffic hazard condition. In no case shall the extent of the burn area be allowed to increase after this time.
- (B) Burning shall not be commenced when surface wind speed is predicted to be less than six miles per hour (mph) (five knots) or greater than 23 mph (20 knots) during the burn period.
- (C) Burning shall not be conducted during periods of actual or predicted persistent low-level atmospheric temperature inversions (typically occurs at night, on overcast or foggy days. The cooler low-level air is unable to mix with the warmer upper level air, causing smoke to be trapped near the ground).
- (D) Electrical insulation, treated lumber, plastics, non-wood construction/demolition materials, heavy oils, asphaltic materials, potentially explosive materials, chemical wastes, and items containing natural or synthetic rubber must not be burned.

The authority to conduct outdoor burning under this regulation does not exempt or excuse any person responsible from the consequences, damages, or injuries resulting from the burning and does not exempt or excuse anyone from complying with all other applicable laws or ordinances, regulations, and orders of governmental entities having jurisdiction, even though the burning is otherwise conducted in compliance with this regulation.

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