

Hewitt Area Fire Department
7654 Mclean Drive
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Municipality: Town of Marshfield
County of: Wood

BURNING PERMIT

In case of escaped fire, call **911**

Notice: Under Ordinance No. 09-04, individuals are required to complete this form and obtain a permit for open burning. Personally identifiable information will be used for administering the burning permit program and may also be used for law enforcement purposes.

This permit is good from: _____ thru _____			
_____ of _____			(Address)
Is hereby authorized to set fire on land owned or controlled by him/her limited under the following restrictions:			
1. DNR has not restricted burning permits in wood county.			
2. Only clean untreated wood, clean "non-recyclable" paper product and vegetation may be burned. Recycling and composting of those materials is strongly encouraged. Burning should be your last alternative.			
3. Burning of plastic, recyclable paper, and cardboard, garbage, asphalt, treated or painted wood, rubber or oil substances, or structures of any kind (barns, sheds, homes, etc.) is illegal			
4. Fire must also be attended at all times and be totally extinguished before you leave.			
5. You must also comply with local ordinances, which may be more restrictive than state law.			
6. Open burning of any waste generated by businesses and commercial entities are not allowed under the conditions of this permit.			
Additional Restrictions: _____			

If your fire gets away, you may be held liable for all expenses incurred in suppression of the fire and may be responsible for all damages caused by the fire.			
I understand this permit is invalidated upon violation of any of its restrictions, or upon the burning of material not authorized by this permit, and may be canceled when deemed necessary.			
_____	_____	_____	_____
Permittee Signature	Phone Number	Local Official:	Date Issued

- Special Permits for large quantities, all day permits, permits sought by commercial contractors and broadcast burns exceeding the local maximum size limit, need to be issued by the local official or their designee.
- Don't burn without the fire fighting tools such as a shovel, rake, and water hose or buckets of water at the site of the burn.
- A non-combustible firebreak of 5 feet should surround the material to be burned.
- Don't burn if the wind is stronger than 8 miles per hour or if the weather forecast indicates the wind will increase during the time you burn.
- Keep the size of your fire small. If you have a larger pile of brush or other materials to burn, consider starting a separate fire and putting the material on a little at a time. It may take a little longer, but it is safer.
- Don't ever leave your fire unattended, even for a brief period of time! When you are done burning make sure the fire is completely out before leaving the scene.
- Fire can hold over in roots, stumps or other material and be rekindled at a later time. If that happens, you may be responsible for any costs or damage. Even if you have taken all the necessary precautions, check the site several times a day for several days after burning, just to be sure. There have been instances of fire smoldering for up to a month after they were supposedly put out.
- Be smoke considerate! Think about how your smoke will affect other and know where you smoke will go before you begin burning!

Why is a burning permit required?

Burning permits are required to regulate the open burning of materials during time when a forest fire hazard exists and to provide the local fire suppression organization with a method of determining which fires are authorized and which ones may be a forest fire.

What are the risks of burning?

You may be found guilty of either a civil or criminal charges when burning in violation of Wisconsin laws and/or local ordinances. In addition, if you fire escapes and becomes a forest fire, you may be liable fo all costs of extinguishing the fire and, in civil actin , may be liable fo any property damaged or destroyed.

REMEMBER
Only you can prevent a wildfire!