



# Natrona County Fire Protection District

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## Rules for Open Burning

**Open Burning:** All open burning in areas under the jurisdiction of the Natrona County Fire Protection District shall require a permit as set forth in the International Fire Code.

**2024 IFC 105.5.36 Open Burning:** *An operational permit (Burn Permit) is required for the kindling or maintaining of an open fire or a fire on any public street, alley, road, or other public or private ground. Instructions and stipulations of the permit shall be adhered to.*

**Burn Permits can be obtained online @ [NCFPDpermits.com](http://NCFPDpermits.com).**

1. A Permit is required from the Natrona County Fire Protection District (NCFPD) to legally conduct Open Burning within the unincorporated areas of Natrona County. **A burn permit will be required for each address and can only be utilized for that specific address.** Burn permits will be valid for 365 days from the day of purchase.
2. Open burning permits from NCFPD cannot be issued to residents in the City of Casper, City of Mills, the town of Evansville, and the town of Bar Nunn.
3. **Your permit must be activated each day you wish to burn.** Prior to any burning, review these burn regulations and then activate your permit at [www.NCFPDpermits.com](http://www.NCFPDpermits.com) or by texting "activate" to 307-441-9498 from the cell phone registered in your account profile (ensure you receive an affirmative response to your text message).
4. Open burning will not be permitted when wind speed is greater than 15 mph during the burn period. Also, to include *Red Flag Days* and when the *County Commissioners enact a fire ban*.
5. **Open burning can start at sunrise and must be completely extinguished 1 hour prior to sunset.** All permits must be activated prior to ignition. No open burning at night is allowed, only recreational fires are allowed at night with their guidelines followed.
6. Open burning must be constantly attended by a responsible adult of at least 18 years of age.
7. A means of extinguishment such as a fire extinguisher (4A min.), garden hose, dirt, sand, or water barrel shall be immediately available.
8. If the fire spreads beyond the limits of the open burn, immediately call 9-1-1 to report a fire.
9. Open burning piles shall be a minimum of 50ft from any structure or combustible material.
10. An area of 15ft around the burn pile shall be maintained clear of any combustible materials prior to ignition.



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11. Open burning that will be offensive or objectionable due to smoke or odor emissions or when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous shall be prohibited. If the open burning creates or adds to a hazardous or objectionable situation, an NCFPD representative or Natrona County Sheriff is authorized to order the extinguishment by the person in charge or by fire department personnel.
12. **\*\*Recreational fires DO NOT require an Open Burning Permit\*\*** (for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth, etc.) – However, they do need to follow these guidelines:
  - A.) No rubbish permitted.
  - B.) A clear space of 25 feet from structures and combustible materials.
  - C.) Maximum diameter of three feet and height of two feet. An extinguishment source must be on site.
13. **\*\*Burn Barrels fires DO NOT require an Open Burning Permit\*\*** Burning of domestic waste is prohibited in open burning piles—in other words, household trash or rubbish. —Residents may burn domestic waste when local trash collection service is not available. To qualify for this provision, the property must be a private residence for no more than three families. The waste must also be burned on the property where it was produced. Only a 55-gallon steel drum with a spark arrestor (metal screen) may be used with a minimum distance of 25 feet from any structure and a clearance around the barrel of 15ft from combustible material shall be maintained. An extinguishment source must be on site.
14. Burn piles shall be limited to 6ft in diameter and 6ft in height. Any piles larger than specified will need to receive special permission from the NCFPD Fire Marshals Office with an onsite inspection prior to being allowed to burn. Additional fees may be required as well.
15. **Materials allowed for onsite burning are limited to:** trees slash, brush, grass, leaves, branch trimmings, or other plant growth by the owner of the property or any other person authorized by the owner, and when the material is generated only from that property.
16. **The following items are not permitted to be burned:** electrical insulations, tires, plastics, construction or demolition materials not made of wood, heavy oils, asphaltic materials such as shingles and roofing felts, potentially explosive materials, chemical wastes, wire or items containing natural or synthetic rubber.
17. **Failure to comply with the rules** set forth above may result in revocation of the burn permit for the remainder of the year. Individuals may also be given a citation by the Natrona County Sheriffs if a total disregard to the open burning rules is found.
18. **The permit holder may be liable** for any fire suppression and property damage costs that may accrue due to the loss of control of the fire. The Natrona County Fire Protection District assumes no responsibility for injuries to persons or damage to property that might result from the open burning.