

## **Natrona County Fire Protection District 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.

**2012 IFC 105.6.30 Open Burning:** *An operational 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.*

A permit can be obtained at the Natrona County Fire District Office located at 555 N. Robertson Rd between the hours of 7:30 am and 4:30 pm, Monday through Thursday and 8:00 am to Noon on Fridays. Call 234-8826 for questions.

The following permit requirements shall be met:

1. The permit holder must contact fire dispatch at 235-9300 prior to starting and at the completion of burning.
2. Materials shall be limited to wood, brush, grass, leaves and similar natural vegetation. **Absolutely no rubbish or trash shall be burned.**
3. Pile sizes shall be limited to 6 feet in diameter and 6 feet high. ***Burning of ditches, fields, lands or larger piles will not be allowed under this burn permit. A special permit must be applied for and approved by the Natrona County Fire District's Fire Marshal's Office.***
4. An area of 15 feet around the burn pile shall be maintained clear of any combustible material
5. Burn piles shall be a minimum of 50 feet from any structure
6. Burning will only be allowed between the hours of 6am and 11am
7. A fire extinguisher with a minimum of a 4-A rating, a water hose or a shovel with available dirt or sand shall be on hand while burning
8. A responsible adult of at least 18 years of age shall be in constant attendance of the open burn.
9. ***Open burning shall not be allowed on days where winds are in excess of 15 mph, Red Flag Days or when the Natrona County Commissioners enact a fire ban.***
10. Any Natrona County Fire District representative or Natrona County Sheriff's Deputy can call for the extinguishment of any open burn deemed to be a nuisance or dangerous condition.
11. Failure to comply with the rules set forth above may result in revocation of the burn permit for the remainder of the year in which it was issued.
12. The permit holder may be charged for fire suppression costs if control of the fire is lost and fire service personnel are called to respond. The Natrona County Fire Protection District assumes no responsibility for injuries to persons or damage to property that might occur as a result of open burning.

## Natrona County Fire Protection District Rules for Recreational Fires

### Recreational Fires:

An outdoor fire burning materials other than rubbish. Typically used for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth or similar purposes.

No fire permit is required for outdoor fireplaces, fire pits, and other recreational fire appliances. However the following guidelines shall be observed.

1. The maximum fuel area is 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet high.
2. Solid fuel burning appliances may only be fueled by cut or split firewood.
3. Materials such as rubbish, construction materials, paper products, yard debris, branches, leaves, garbage, etc. cannot be burned.
4. Fires that **are not** contained in an approved burning appliance must be at least 25 feet from a building or combustible materials.
5. Fires that **are** contained in an approved burning appliance should be no closer than 15 feet from a building or combustible materials.
6. The appliance must utilize a screen or spark arrestor and it must be in place while burning.
7. Any conditions which could cause a fire to spread to within 25 feet of a building shall be eliminated prior to ignition.
8. A fire extinguisher of at least a 4-A rating or a charged water hose must be in close proximity to the appliance while burning.
9. Fires shall be constantly attended by a responsible adult of at least 18 years of age. The adult must be knowledgeable in the use of the fire extinguishing equipment provided.
10. The fire shall not be left unattended at any time until the fire is fully extinguished.
11. Fires shall not be ignited if wind exceeds 15 mph.
12. Fires shall not be ignited on days that the National Weather Service issues a Red Flag Warning or when the Natrona County Commissioners enact a full fire ban.
13. The Natrona County Fire District or Natrona County Sheriff's Department may order the fire to be discontinued if, in their opinion, the fire constitutes a hazardous condition or produces obnoxious smoke or odors that may cause a public nuisance.
14. Any person who ignites a recreational fire may be charged for fire suppression costs if control of the fire is lost and fire service personnel are called to respond. The Natrona County Fire Protection District assumes no responsibility for injuries to persons or damage to property that might occur as a result of recreational burning.

## **Natrona County Fire Protection District Rules for Burn Barrels**

### **Burn Barrels:**

Burning of household trash is highly discouraged by the Natrona County Fire Protection District. However in areas of Natrona County without access to trash pickup, burning of non-hazardous household trash will be allowed. No permit is required for burn barrels.

The following guidelines shall be observed for burn barrels.

1. Trash can only be burned in a single barrel no larger than 55 gallons in size. The barrel must be constructed of steel and have a metal screen over the opening to act as a spark arrestor.
2. An area of 15 feet around the burn barrel shall be maintained clear of any combustible material
3. A fire extinguisher with a minimum of a 4-A rating or a pressurized water hose shall be on hand while burning
4. A responsible adult of at least 18 years of age shall be in constant attendance of the barrel while burning
5. Burning shall not be allowed on days where winds are in excess of 15 mph, Red Flag Days or when the Natrona County Commissioners enact a full fire ban.
6. Any Natrona County Fire District representative or Natrona County Sheriff's Deputy can call for the extinguishment of any burn barrel deemed to be a nuisance or dangerous condition
7. Any person burning trash in a barrel may be charged for fire suppression costs if control of the fire is lost and fire service personnel are called to respond. The Natrona County Fire Protection District assumes no responsibility for injuries to persons or damage to property that might occur as a result of burning trash.

During Natrona County and BLM enacted burn bans all fire permits will be suspended. All other burning shall comply with the restrictions set forth in the burn ban.