

BURNING NEWS

2016

Wisconsin DNR in partnership with Waupaca and Waushara County

FAQ for Responsible Burning

Where can burn permits be found?

1. Local Emergency Fire Warden or DNR office (see back page)
2. Burn Permit Hotline: **1-888-WISBURN (947-2876)**
3. Online: www.dnr.wi.gov, keyword 'burn permit'

What do I do once I obtain a burn permit?

- Check** the restrictions after 11am for the day you intend to burn.
 - Online: www.dnr.wi.gov, keyword 'burning restrictions'
 - Call **1-888-WISBURN (947-2876)** and enter the code for the county where you intend to burn:
Waupaca - 69 Waushara - 70 Marquette - 39
Portage - 50 Adams - 01 Green Lake - 24
Shawano - 59
- Follow** the restrictions for the day.
- Notify** the Waupaca County Sherriff Department at 715-258-4466 or Waushara County Sherriff Department at 920-787-3321 for brush piles larger than 6'x6'x6' and broadcast burns greater than 10 acres in size.
- Have **tools and water** available to extinguish your fire. Make sure your fire is **completely out** and cold to the touch before leaving.



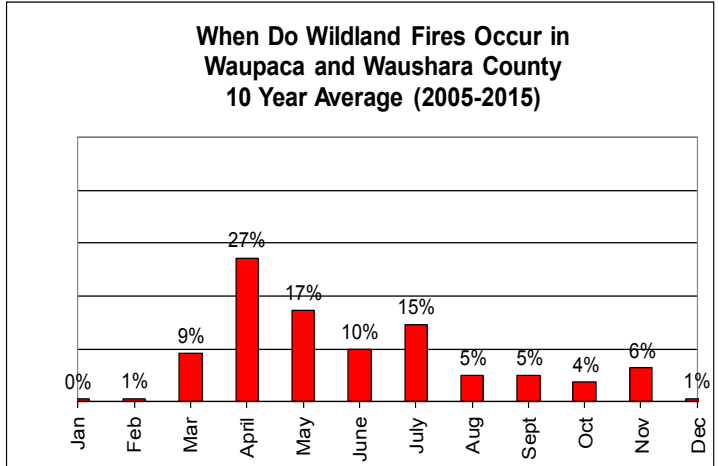
Outdoor Burning Laws for Waupaca and Waushara

- **Burning permits (incl. special permits) are required January 1 thru May 31** when the ground is not completely snow-covered. This applies to areas outside of incorporated cities and villages. For burning restrictions within city and village limits, contact local officials.
- **Annual burning permits** are valid for the entire calendar year, but require daily authorization. Permits can be obtained over the phone, online, or from Emergency Fire Wardens.
- **A special burning permit** must be obtained from a DNR office for brush piles larger than 6'x6'x6' and for broadcast burns greater than 10 acres in size.
- **Residential burning is restricted** to pine needles, leaves, grass, brush, unpainted/untreated wood, and confidential papers. Restrictions apply all year. **Businesses are prohibited from any outdoor open burning.**
- **Campfires for warming or cooking purposes** do not require a burning permit and are allowed anytime except during Emergency Burning Restrictions.
- **Your fire must be attended at all times** until completely extinguished and cold to the touch. Failure to extinguish is a crime and may result in a \$500 fine and/or 30 days in jail. Should your fire escape, **you can be held liable for all suppression costs and damages.**

Occurrence of Wildfires

Wildfire Occurrence:

This chart indicates why burning permits are required January through May when the ground is not snow-covered. In Waupaca and Waushara County, most wildfires occur in March, April, and May, after the snow has gone and before plants have greened up. Wildfire danger also increases with warmer temperatures, lower humidity, and increased wind.



The First Simple Steps...

Every homeowner should take to make their home safer from wildfire.



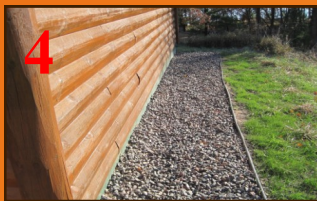
1 Remove pine needles, leaves and branches off roofs and out of rain gutters.



2 Remove tree branches that overhang the roof.



3 Clean areas that tend to be natural traps for debris (decks, window wells, around foundation).



4 Remove flammable materials within the first 3 to 5 feet around structures.



5 Remove branches of evergreen trees up to a height of 6-10 feet.



6 Move firewood and other flammables, 30 feet away from buildings.



7 Create a 10 foot clearance around your propane tank.



8 Remove dead branches, trees and shrubs within 100 feet of structures.



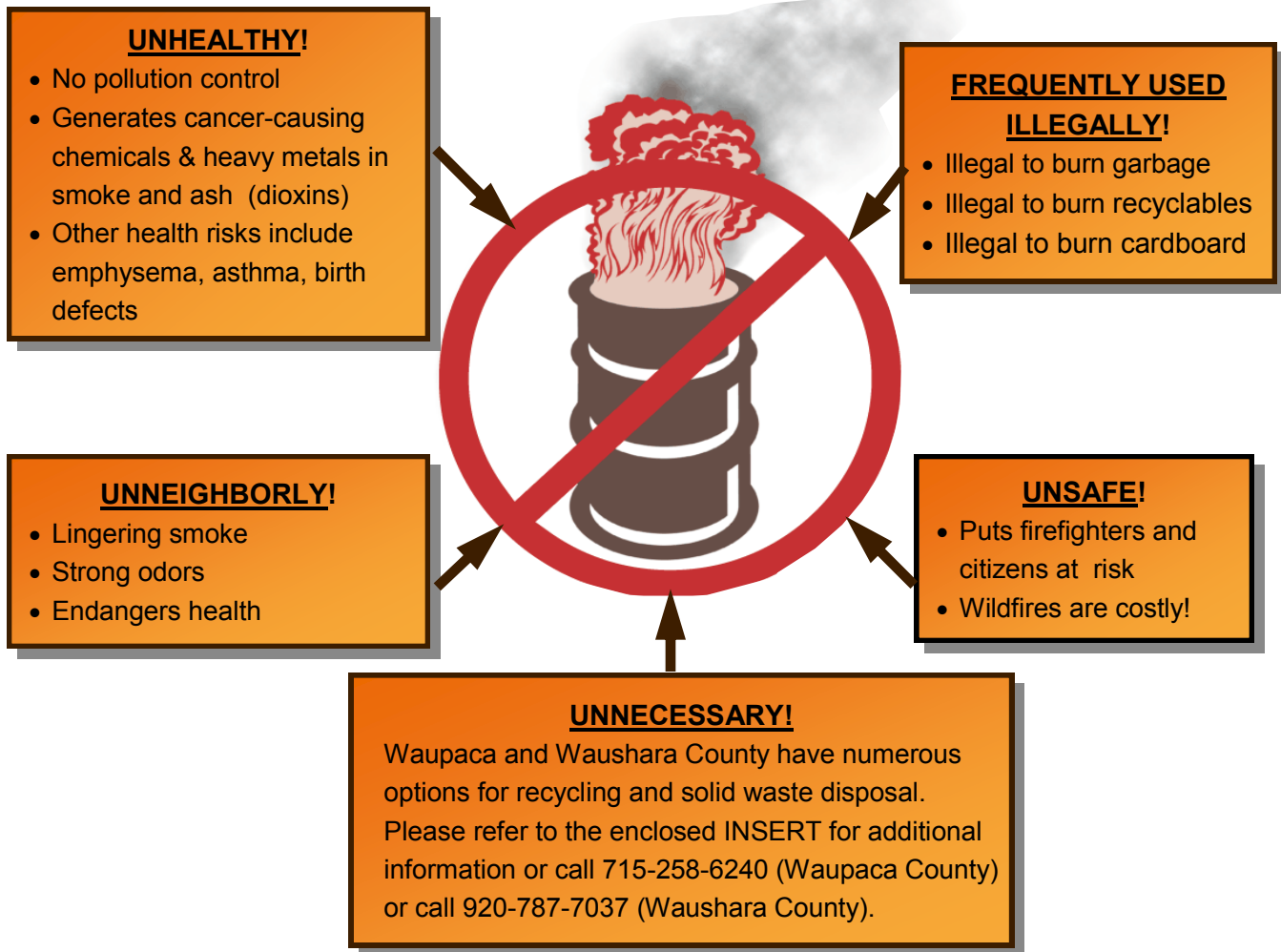
9 Keep lawn clean and green. Rake 30 feet around buildings.

What You Need to Know About Burn Barrels

In Wisconsin, burning of trash and garbage has long been a common practice. Over 500,000 burn barrels dot the State's rural setting. According to the Department of Natural Resources, open burning is the largest source of air pollution, the largest uncontrolled source of toxic dioxin emissions, and the **#1 source of wildfires**.





Burning of trash should be a thing of the past. Curbside collection, drop-off centers, recycling and composting are all available as economical and convenient options for disposal of waste.

Burning of trash, whether in an open pit, burn barrel, or household incinerator, is unhealthy, un-neighborly, unnecessary, and **illegal**.



WISCONSIN RECYCLING LAW

Requires all residents and businesses to separate the following items from their garbage for recycling:

-  Cardboard, container board, newspaper, magazines, junk mail, mixed paper
-  Aluminum cans, steel cans, plastic bottles and containers, glass bottles and jars
-  Used motor oil, oil filters, vehicle batteries, appliances, tires, electronics
-  Yard waste, brush



RECYCLE & COMPOST!

Contacts to Obtain a Burning Permit

| FIRE WARDEN | ADDRESS |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Wisconsin Veteran Home | N2665 CTH QQ King, WI 11am - 1pm & 6pm - 8pm |
| K & E Builders | E1022 Hwy 54 Waupaca, WI |
| Iola Fire Department | 350 W. Iola Street Iola, WI |
| Clintonville Police Department | 35 South Clinton Ave. Clintonville, WI |
| Bean City Bar & Grill | N2505 Bean City Rd New London, WI |
| Waupaca County PTF | E4981 Swan Road Manawa, WI |
| Waupaca County Sheriff Department | 1402 E. Royalton Street Waupaca, WI |

PROTECTION TIPS!

- Make sure your debris pile or campfire is out **cold to the touch** when you leave.
- Test your smoke alarms monthly.
- Practice an in home fire drill and designate a safe meeting place outside.

Courtesy of:

*Waupaca County & Waushara County
Firefighters Associations*

CITIES & VILLAGES
Contact your local police or fire department for burning restrictions.

WAUPACA COUNTY
GENERAL INFORMATION
Waupaca - WI DNR Forestry Office
Hartman Creek State Park
N2480 Hartman Creek Road
Waupaca WI 54981
715-258-4780
dnr.wi.gov (search keyword 'fire')
Equal Opportunity Provider

WASTE DISPOSAL INFORMATION
Solid Waste & Recycling Department
Courthouse - 811 Harding Street
Waupaca WI 54981
715-258-6240
www.waupacacountyrecycling.com
Equal Opportunity Provider

| FIRE WARDEN | ADDRESS |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Hancock Mini Mart | 231 W. North Lake Hancock, WI 54943 |
| Wautoma Rental | 451 E. Main Street Wautoma, WI, 54982 |
| Hideaway Bar and Grill | N3055 21st Lane Wautoma, WI 54982 |
| John and Marilyn Piechowski | W3990 State Road 21 Red Granite, WI 54970 |
| Madell's Lanes | N4319 State Road 49 Poy Sippi, WI 54967 |
| Larsen Co-op | 1010 Main Street Wild Rose, WI 54984 |
| Royal Supermarket | 718 E North St. Plainfield, WI 54966 |

WAUSHARA COUNTY
GENERAL INFORMATION
Wautoma - WI DNR Office
427 E Tower Drive, Suite 100
Wautoma, WI 54982
920-787-3039
dnr.wi.gov (search keyword 'fire')
Equal Opportunity Provider

WASTE DISPOSAL INFORMATION
Solid Waste & Recycling Department
PO Box 300 - N2402 S. Townline Road
Wautoma, WI 54982
920-787-7037
www.co.waushara.wi.us
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