



AURELIUS TOWNSHIP

BRUSH BURNING REQUIREMENTS

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE IF YOUR FIRE GETS OUT OF CONTROL.

THE FIRE CHIEF OR HIS DESIGNEE MAY REVOKE YOUR BRUSH BURNING PERMIT AT ANY TIME DUE TO ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS OR NON-COMPLIANCE.

Brush burning permits are not allowed to be issued inside the City or within 1400 feet outside of the Mason City limits as per Public Act 102 of 2012.

Hours for burning brush will be from sunrise to sunset. There is absolutely **No Brush Burning Allowed After Dark.**

All fires must be supervised by an adult, 18 years or older at all times.

The burning of building or construction materials, petroleum products, plastics, rubber products, chemicals, asphalt, treated or painted wood products or any other hazardous or noxious material shall not be permitted.

Burning is not allowed in extremely dry conditions or if winds are greater than 10mph. You should not burn when the wind is in such a direction that smoke will be an annoyance to your neighbors.

Unsupervised and/or unauthorized fires will be extinguished, and you may be billed for the fire run.

If the ground is snow covered *and* you live farther than 1400 feet outside the city limits, you do not need a permit to burn brush. If you intend to burn a large amount of brush however, we ask that you please report your burning to the Mason City Hall Customer Service Desk at 517.676.9155 so that they may contact the 911 Center. This could save an unnecessary response by the Fire Department to your property.

Burning permits are free to township residents.

You must renew your permit every year by calling Mason City Hall Customer Service Desk, 517-676-9155 between 8 AM and 5 PM Monday through Friday (no holidays or weekends.) After renewing your permit, **you will need to phone in and use the same permit for the remainder of the year. Once you activate your permit it is good for 4 days.** It is important that you call every time you burn. A list of current burning permits is faxed to the 911 Center every day.

Permits are not issued to burn fields, fence rows, or ditch banks. The permit is intended for brush piles including the burning of trees, logs, brush, and stumps only.

If there is a large pile of brush to be burned, and it may smolder through the night, let the city know and arrangements may be made to contact 911 Center and advise them of the situation. This might save the fire department from making an unnecessary response to your location.

Your township may charge you for a fire department response so please do your part to reduce unnecessary fire calls and expenses.

Resources: More Questions? Please Contact our Customer Service Desk at 517.676.9155



AURELIUS TOWNSHIP RECREATIONAL BURNING REQUIREMENTS

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Recreational Fire Requirements

The only burning that may be allowed within 1400 feet outside of the city limits of Mason is a recreational fire (36" in diameter x 24" in height). Open burning of brush, leaves etc. is no longer allowed inside of this area.

There is no permit required for a recreational fire outside of the city limits. Recreational fires are allowed under the following conditions:

"Recreational Fires" are defined as the burning of charcoal, seasoned firewood or other fuel approved by the fire chief, where the fuel being burned is contained within a device or pit.

Recreational fires cannot be located within 15 feet of a structure, nor within 15 feet of an existing property line.

Recreational fires shall not exceed 36 inches in diameter and the flame height shall not exceed 24 inches from the ground surrounding the device or pit.

Recreational fires are permitted only on property used and occupied as a single or two-family dwelling in any zoning district.

Recreational fire burning shall not take place between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m.

Fires must be attended at all times and extinguishing equipment must be nearby.

All burning is prohibited if the wind velocity is 10 mph or greater.

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TRASH BARREL BURNING REQUIREMENTS

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Trash Burning Barrel Requirements

You do not need a permit for burning in trash barrels, however what you can burn has been restricted. Law requires that you have a ½ inch mesh cover on your barrel at the time of burning. Do not place the barrel close to combustibles such as tall grass, leaves, or structures. Again, do not burn if wind speed is greater than 10 mph.

Public Act 102 prohibits the open burning of household trash that contains plastic, rubber, foam, chemically treated wood, textiles, electronics, chemicals or hazardous materials. The burning of these household trash items poses a danger to human health and the environment.

Your township may charge you for a fire department response so please do your part to reduce unnecessary fire calls and expenses.

The fire department does not like to make unnecessary runs. They put our members and the community at a greater risk and generate extra costs. However, if we do get a call we are obligated to respond. By following these simple guidelines, unnecessary runs and costs can be kept to a minimum.

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