

**Weston Fire Department
Everest Metro Police Department**

Burning Issues

This pamphlet should provide the reader with sufficient information about all types of burning issues in the Village and Town of Weston. These are condensed guidelines and the local municipal ordinances should be consulted for more detailed information.

Village of Weston:

Cooking fires - fires using charcoal briquets, commercially prepared wood, clean dry wood, or gas are allowed between noon and midnight but must be under control and you must be using them to cook a substantial part of a meal. The fires can be in a: fire pit no larger in diameter than 3', a cooking grill, an outdoor barbecue or an outdoor fireplace.

Recreational Fires - fires using commercially prepared wood or clean dry wood are allowed from noon to midnight, but must be under control and out by midnight. The fires can be in a: fire pit no larger in diameter than 3', a cooking grill, an outdoor barbecue or an outdoor fireplace.

Burning Permits - Controlled burning of agricultural materials, forestry debris or prairie areas on parks, farms, wildlife sanctuaries, and cemeteries; provided such burns are issued a current permit by the fire department, the smoke and products of combustion do not create a hazard to nearby streets or a noxious atmosphere for neighbors, the burns are attended by personnel who have readily available firefighting equipment, and the Fire Chief has not declared a no burn period due to dry conditions, or other unfavorable weather. Such burns shall be restricted to properties of at least five acres

under single ownership, and this permit process shall not be construed to allow property owners to burn leaves, grass, trees, or landscape debris from their individual properties.

If the burning gets away you will be responsible for the costs of putting the fire out even if you have a permit.

THINGS THAT ARE NOT ALLOWED:

No burning barrels
Solid Fuel-Fired Outdoor Heating Devices in other than RR or AR zoned areas 94.127(5)

THINGS THAT MAY NOT BE BURNED:

Container board (corrugated cardboard)
Fiber board (like soda/cereal cartons)
Foam polystyrene (Styrofoam)
Glossy paper
HDPE High density polyethylene #2
LDPE Low density polyethylene #4
Newspaper
Office paper
Plastic resins labeled SPI code #7
PETE Polyethylene terephthalate #1
PP Polypropylene #5
PS Polystyrene #6
PVC Polyvinyl chloride #3
Petroleum or petroleum like products or any brand of petroleum
Asphalt Creosote Fertilizers
Fuel Oil Gasoline Glues
Grease Herbicides Kerosene
Motor Oil Naphtha Paint
Pesticides Tar Tar Paper
Tires Turpentine
All plastics
Oriented strand board
Plywood
Pressure treated lumber, clear, green, brown

Yard Waste

Leaves Grass clippings
Yard and garden debris
Brush and tree limbs less than 6" in diameter

What can you do with this stuff? The Village and Town have a recycling program in place for the non yard debris, and a yard waste drop off site on Ryan Street. The Village also provides for a spring and fall yard waste pickup program and there are commercial companies that do haul this stuff away.

City of Schofield:

Burning: In general is allowed except for items which are deemed recyclable by the Recycling Ordinance. (Yard waste, leaves, pine needles, grass clippings, yard and garden debris, clean dry wood, branches, tree limbs, etc...)

Cooking fires - Outdoor cooking over a fire contained in a device or structure designed for such use is allowed.

Recreational fires - Fire pits encircled with nonflammable material, or commercially built and approved fire containers and located a minimum of 20 feet from any structure or 15 feet from the lot line. Maximum diameter shall be 42" Fires shall be extinguished by 10p, Sunday through Thursday, and midnight Fridays and Saturdays or when left unattended. Fuel for pits shall consist of dry material only, and it shall not be ignited with flammable or combustible liquids.

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Town of Weston:

Cooking fires - fires using charcoal briquets, commercially prepared wood, clean dry wood, or gas are allowed any time but must be under control and you must be using them to cook a substantial part of a meal. The fires can be in a: fire pit no larger in diameter than 4', a cooking grill, an outdoor barbecue or an outdoor fireplace.

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Burning Permits - burning permits are issued for the purpose of burning brush and debris from clearing land for the construction of a home or commercial structure, or clearing croplands for farming. They can be issued for up to three days in a row, no holidays or Sundays, from 6:00p to midnight. If weather prevents burning the permit will be reissued without charge. Burning permits will not be reissued without charge if the permittee is unable to burn for reason other than weather. The fire must be under constant observation and OUT by midnight. It is advised that the permittee contact neighbors in the area to inform them of the permit. If a general burning ban is issued all burning permits are cancelled immediately. The permittee must call County Dispatch at 261-1200 prior to setting the fire to inform them of where it is and that they have a permit. Permits are not issued to home owners or businesses who want to clean up an existing yard or junk.

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