

OPEN BURNING / BONFIRES / CONTROLLED BURNS

If an open burn, bonfire, controlled burn is greater than 3 ft in diameter, approximately 3 ft x 3 ft x 2 ft high, a permit from the Neosho Fire Department **is** required. Once the permit is obtained a member of the Neosho Fire Department will schedule a time to inspect the burn site.

A permit can be obtained at:

Neosho Fire Department
125 N. College
Neosho, MO 64850

Permit Fee: \$20.00 (cash or check, made payable to Neosho Fire Department, only)

The following guidelines must be followed:

- Only yard waste such as grass clippings, leaves, tree trimmings or brush piles may be burnt.
- One of the following items shall be on site to control the fire: water hose, rake, or fire extinguisher.
- For large piles heavy machinery may be necessary while the pile is burning.
- Piles must be kept a minimum of 50 feet from any structure or object of concern.
 - Example: Power lines, homes, fences, out buildings, trees
- Burn piles must be constantly attended after being ignited until the fire is extinguished.
 - Smoke rising from the pile indicates burning is still occurring.
 - Any and all unattended fires will be extinguished.
- If in a residential area, where smoke may be an issue for neighbors, consideration must be given to be a good neighbor during the burn.
- The Neosho Fire Department must be notified on the day of the requested burn to check weather conditions.
- Permits issued are good for 30 days.
- Failure to follow permit requirements may result in permit being revoked.

If an open burn, bonfire, or controlled burn is less than 3 ft in diameter, approximately 3 ft x 3 ft x 2 ft high, a permit from the Neosho Fire Department **is not** required.

The following guidelines do still apply:

- Only yard waste such as grass clippings, leaves, tree trimmings or brush piles may be burnt.
- One of the following items shall be on site to control the fire: water hose, rake, or fire extinguisher.
- Piles must be kept a minimum of 25 feet from any structure or object of concern.
 - Example: Power lines, homes, fences, out buildings, trees
- Burn piles must be constantly attended after being ignited until the fire is extinguished.
 - Smoke rising from the pile indicates burning is still occurring.
 - Any and all unattended fires will be extinguished.
- If in a residential area where smoke may be an issue for neighbors, consideration must be given to be a good neighbor during the burn.
- A call to the Neosho Fire Department, at 417-451-8021, is requested to check weather conditions.