



Sunrise Beach Fire Protection District

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The Sunrise Beach Fire Protection District Burn Policy:

We have an informal burn authorization system. Open burning, by an individual homeowner, of yard debris, clean/untreated wood – i.e. fallen limbs, trash in a barrel, brush (in a contained area), for examples; is permitted. We ask the following: Please call 573-374-7986 for a verbal permit, stating your name, street (name) address, what you are burning & your phone number.

The Fire Marshal determines the burn status. Burn permits are issued for one day only. This is done to protect not only surrounding structures, property and lives but also to protect the safety of our firefighters. The criteria for a burn day is that the wind be less than 10 miles per hour by our wind meter, located at the District Office located on Lake Road 5-32 at 30 Porter Mill Spring Road. The conditions must also be favorable for burning. For example, if the humidity is lower than 30%, we have a dry spell or for some reason the Department of Conservation or DNR request no burning, we abide by their request. We work with the Department of Conservation and DNR during our high fire seasons to determine the fire risk. Morning or early evening is the best times to burn as the wind is generally calmer.

Under no condition does the department issue burn permits for structures of any kind. Large piles of brush should have a considerably large cleared area around them to prevent spread. **Contractors and/or Business owners** should contact the Department of Natural Resources regarding any open burning at 417-891-4300, in addition to the Fire District or Contractors and/or Business owners may pick up an application at the District Office. If there are any questions regarding open burning in the Sunrise Beach Fire Protection District, please call the District Office at 573-374-4411, Office hours are 8:00 – 5:00, Mon.-Fri.

When you are issued permission to burn, you are **NOT** relieved of your responsibility to follow the State or Federal regulations. You are also **NOT** relieved of your responsibility for another person's property should your fire get out of control and encroach on someone else's property.

Department of Natural Resources Reference Links:

- Facts on Open Burning Under Missouri Regulations
<http://www.dnr.mo.gov/pubs/pub2047.pdf>
- Managing Residential Waste
<http://www.dnr.mo.gov/pubs/pub2070.pdf>
- Managing Construction and Demolition Waste
<http://www.dnr.mo.gov/pubs/pub2045.pdf>