

Miami County, Kansas

Rural Fire Districts

Open Burning Operation Conditions & Burn Permit Requirements

Per Kansas law, open burning operation conditions must adhere to detailed guidelines as specified in Kansas Administrative Regulations 28-19-645, 28-19-646, 28-19-647 & 28-19-648. Violation of these regulations is subject to penalty.

This document is intended to provide guidelines and Miami County burn permit requirements to enable compliance with State Statutes and Administrative Regulations.

Burn permits are issued by the appropriate Fire Departments for those areas falling within their boundaries of coverage. The interactive map found on the Official Miami County, Kansas website (www.miamicountyks.org/openburning.html) can help you identify which local department to contact to apply for a burn permit. A listing of the Miami County Fire Stations and contact information is on page 3 of this brochure. A sample burn permit is on page 4.

There is no charge for a burn permit. Terms and conditions do apply. Violations of the terms and conditions may result in a fine of \$250 and assessment of all costs incurred by the Fire Department(s) extinguishing the fire upon which the violator is convicted.

Burn permits may be issued for a 1 time burn or for up to a 30 day time period. During the term of the permit, burning may take place on more than one day, **however the applicant must notify proper authorities each time the burn is started** (i.e. all separate fires associated with the permit must be called in prior to being set). **Notify both** the Fire Station that issued the permit and the Miami County Sheriff's Office at 913-294-4444 prior to beginning each burn.

When applying for a burn permit in Miami County, have the following information available:

- The location of the proposed open burning and the name, address and telephone number of the person responsible for the open burning;
- A description of the open burning, including:
 - the estimated amount and nature of material to be burned;
 - the proposed frequency, duration and schedule of the burning;
 - the size of the area to which the burning will be confined;
 - the method of igniting the material;
 - the location of any public roadways within 1,000 feet of the proposed burn;
 - the number and location of occupied dwellings within 1,000 feet of the proposed burn.

Miami County Opening Burning Operation Conditions

- The Fire Department &/or Fire Chief will not be held responsible for any damages caused by the burning procedure.
- The person conducting the burning shall stockpile the material to be burned, dry it to the extent possible before it is burned, and assure that it is free of matter that will inhibit good combustion.
- You must not use tires, oil, or composition shingles to ignite or accelerate the fire. You must not use anything that creates a dark smoke.
- You must have insurance to cover any damages to property caused by your open burning.
- Burning is permitted from 1 hour after sunrise till 1 hour after sundown. No material may be added to the fire after two hours before sunset.
- Burning is prohibited during inclement or foggy conditions or on very cloudy days (defined as days with more than 0.7 cloud cover and with a ceiling of less than 2,000 feet).
- Surface wind speeds must be 5 mph and no more than 15 mph.
- Burning is prohibited within 1,000 feet of any occupied dwelling unless the occupant of that dwelling has been notified prior to the burn.
- Burning that creates a traffic or other safety hazard is prohibited. If burning is to take place within 1,000 feet of a roadway, the applicant / person conducting the burn must notify the highway patrol, sheriff's office, or other appropriate state or local traffic authority before the burning begins. If burning is to take place within one mile of an airport, the applicant / person conducting the burn must notify the airport authority before the burning begins.
- The applicant / person conducting the burn must insure that the burning is supervised until the fire is extinguished.
- If you lose control of the fire a fine of \$250 can be assessed. A violator may also be assessed all cost incurred by the Fire Department(s) extinguishing the fire upon which the violator is convicted.
- You must present a signed, authorized burn permit to any authorized jurisdictional entity upon their request. (Local law enforcement, fire departments, etc.)
- State imposed burning bans negate any issued burn permits for the duration of the burn ban.

Fire Station / Burn Permit Locations & Contact Information

Rural Fire District No. 1

Drexel Fire Station

113 Cass
Drexel, MO
Firechief: Jim Martley
For a Burn Permit, contact:
City Hall @ 137 East Main
Prior to burning call:
816-619-2323 or 913-376-2681
and the Miami County Sheriff's Office @
913-294-4444

Fontana Fire Station

110 North Stephen St.
Fontana, KS
Firechief: Roy Marschall
For a Burn Permit, contact: Vernon Moore at
Fontana Co-op @ 108 E. Dorman
Prior to burning call:
913-849-3131
and the Miami County Sheriff's Office @
913-294-4444

Louisburg Fire Station

209 S. Metcalf
Louisburg, KS
Firechief: Paul Richards
For a Burn Permit, contact:
Fire Station
Prior to burning call:
913-837-4700
and the Miami County Sheriff's Office @
913-294-4444

Osawatomie Fire Station

700 Walnut
Osawatomie, KS
Firechief: Ted Bartlett
For a Burn Permit, contact:
Osawatomie Police Dept. @ 5th & Main
Prior to burning call:
913-755-2101
and the Miami County Sheriff's Office @
913-294-4444

Paola Fire Station

Firechief Andy Martin
Paola, KS
For a Burn Permit, contact:
Paola Police Dispatch
805 N Pearl, Paola, KS
Prior to burning call:
913-259-3640
and the Miami County Sheriff's Office @
913-294-4444

Wellsville Fire Station

730 S. Main
Wellsville, KS
Firechief: Robert Thomas
For a Burn Permit, contact:
City Hall @ 411 Main
Prior to burning call:
785-883-2296
and the Miami County Sheriff's Office @
913-294-4444

Rural Fire District No. 2

Spring Hill Fire Station - Johnson County Fire District 2, Station 4

20500 W. 207th
Spring Hill, KS
Firechief: Jeff Johnson
For a Burn Permit, contact
Fire Station
Prior to burning call:
913-592-3926
and the Miami County Sheriff's Office @ 913-294-4444

Sample

**Miami County, Kansas
Burn Permit**

Sample

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Terms and Conditions of Permit

1. The Fire Department and/or Fire Chief will not be held responsible for any damages caused by the burning procedure.
2. You must have insurance to cover any damages to property caused by this procedure.
3. Wind Speeds must be 5 mph and no more than 15 mph.
4. Burning is permitted from 1 hour after sunrise till 1 hour after sundown.
5. You must not use tires, oil, or composition shingles to ignite or accelerate the fire. You must not use anything that creates a dark smoke.

Burning of Tires, oil and/or Composition Shingles are Prohibited.

6. If you lose control of the fire a fine of **\$250** can be assessed. A violator may also be assessed all cost incurred by the Fire Department(s) extinguishing the fire upon which the violator is convicted.

Agreement

This is to certify that _____ has applied for a permit to burn
at _____ and will be burning _____

by Controlled Burning as provided by Law. **(Do Not Leave Fire Unattended!)**

It is understood that the Burning will be carried out between 1 hour after sunrise till 1 hour after sundown. It is understood that there is no open flames 1 hour after sundown.

This permit is good from _____ 20____ and ending _____ 20_____

If this permit is for more than one (1) day, each new fire must be called in to the Fire Department.

Non-Emergency Phone Number _____

This permit is Null and Void at any other time.

I have read and understand all Rules and Regulations.

Applicant Name and Phone Number

Issued By