

Permits are a must!

PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

Campfires vs. Debris Fires

If you are burning in a campfire ring or fire pit with the intent to eliminate debris, a DNR burning permit is required. However, small fires for warming or cooking purposes do not require a DNR burning permit and are allowed anytime of the day, except during Emergency Burning Restrictions.



Cooking/Warming Fire
Burning Permit
Not Required



Debris Fire
Burning Permit
Required

SAFETY TIP: Even campfires can cause a wildfire. Be aware of the daily fire danger by checking online at dnr.wi.gov and searching "fire" or by calling the hotline at 1-888-WIS-BURN (947-2876) before conducting any burn in the outdoors.

Know The Risks

The person responsible for lighting the fire is required to have a valid burning permit with them at all times while burning and must be available to present it to law enforcement or firefighters if requested. If you fail to obtain a burning permit, do not comply with the daily fire restrictions or allow your fire to escape, you may be cited by law enforcement.

Remember, lighting any fire in the outdoors is risky. If you choose to burn and your fire escapes and starts a wildfire, you are liable for all suppression costs and potentially any damages associated with that fire. At any point if you are uncomfortable with your burn, do not hesitate to dial 911 immediately.

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BURNING PERMITS



Prevent Wildfires

It's Your Responsibility

Burning permits are required by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in many parts of the state to conduct legal and responsible burning in the outdoors. Burning permits are free and easy to obtain. They encourage the public to burn safely and are proven to be effective in protecting lives, property and natural resources from the damages of wildfires.

Simple Steps to Safe Burning

GET A PERMIT

Visit dnr.wi.gov and enter keyword "fire" to obtain a free permit online or call 1-888-WIS-BURN (947-2876). The permit can be instantly emailed or mailed (3-5 business days). You can also visit an Emergency Fire Warden or DNR office to get a permit in-person.

CHECK BEFORE BURNING

On the day you wish to burn, call the hotline or check online after 11 a.m. for current burning restrictions in that county. Fire conditions change quickly, so it's important to check each day you burn to find out if burning is allowed, burning hours and any size limitations.

FOLLOW THE RULES

Follow the daily fire restrictions and fire safety recommendations listed on the permit. Make sure to have all the necessary tools to keep your fire contained. Lastly, make sure your fire is completely out before leaving.



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