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Vernon Fire Department
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Emergency 9-1-1



2019 BURN PERMIT
Valid: January thru December
Fee: \$10.00*

- A. No person shall burn, cause to be burned, or permit to be burned any fire outside of a building with the following exceptions. Both the person igniting such fire and the owner of the land upon which such fire may occur shall be equally responsible for compliance with the requirements of this section.
- B. All open burning shall comply with the following:
 - (1) Before a property owner is authorized to set a fire on his/her property, the property owner must have a signed Burning Permit on file with the Town of Vernon Fire Department. Permit may be obtained from the Town Hall or Vernon Fire Station 1.
 - (2) The size of the pile of material burned shall not exceed four feet by four feet by three feet, except as provided in Subsection B(4).
 - (3) Any open pile of material burned shall be at least 50 feet from any structure, wood or lumber pile or wooden fence, or other combustible material, and provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading to within 50 feet of such items.
 - (4) Burning shall be allowed in barrels or containers only if such barrels or containers are constructed and vented so as to prevent smoke from spreading beyond property lines that is offensive to neighboring property owners. Barrels and containers used for burning shall be kept at least 25 feet from any structure or material described in Subsection B(3) above.
 - (5) Such burning and the disposal of ash residue shall not be permitted on or within any improved street, drainage ditch, alley, parkway, public place, or public right-of-way.
 - (6) Fuel for burning shall consist of dry material only and shall not be ignited with flammable or combustible liquid.
 - (7) Material for burning shall not include rubbish, garbage, trash, any material made of or coated with rubber, plastic, leather or petroleum-based materials and may not contain any flammable liquids.
 - (8) No burning shall be permitted between 1/2 hour after sunset and 7:00 a.m., and all fires shall be completely extinguished by 1/2 hour after sunset. Burning shall be prohibited when the wind velocity exceeds nine miles per hour or when drought conditions exist.
 - (9) Burning shall be physically supervised by a competent person at least 18 years of age and personally attended by such person within sight of such burning until such fire is completely extinguished. Necessary extinguishing agents shall be readily available.
 - (10) No fire shall be conducted or permitted which results in smoke that is offensive to neighboring property owners or creates a nuisance for others.
- C. Burning of stumps in place, wood for construction purposes, or clearing of land shall be permitted only under the following conditions:
 - (1) Authorization for said burning is obtaining from the Fire Chief or his designee.
 - (2) Burning complies with the requirements of § NR 429.04, Open Burning, Wis. Adm. Code.
 - (3) Burning complies with NFPA 10.11.
- D. The following are exempt from the provisions of this section:
 - (1) Cooking fires and barbecue pits, grills and outdoor fireplaces.
 - (2) Any fires inside of a structure, including but not limited to fireplaces and incinerators.
 - (3) Fires set for training or instruction of fire fighters or testing of fire equipment.
 - (4) Fire specifically approved in writing by the Fire Chief or his designee.
- E. The Town Chairperson and/or Fire Chief or his designee may suspend all burning or attach additional restrictions to burning when deemed necessary due to atmospheric or other conditions. The Fire Chief, or his/her designee, is responsible for maintaining the answering system.
- F. Any person who shall violate any provision of this section or any regulation made hereunder shall be issued a citation with the forfeiture stated at \$50, plus court costs, for the first violation and \$100, plus court costs, for subsequent violations. In addition to such forfeitures and costs, in the event a violation results in the response of the Town of Vernon Fire Department, said violator shall be assessed an additional charge of \$200, said assessment to be paid to the Town of Vernon.

IMPORTANT DOCUMENTATION
These guidelines must be followed. Please keep info on file and readily available during any burn sessions. Thank You!



Return Bottom Portion - Please Print Clearly:

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Primary Phone #: (____) _____ Alternate/Cell Phone #: (____) _____

I understand and will obey the provisions of this Burning Permit. Any questions regarding this permit shall be directed to the Vernon Fire Department. This permit is effective from January 1st to December 31st of each year.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

**Please make all checks payable to: Town of Vernon. \$10.00 Fee (Cash, Separate Check, Credit Card w/ convenience fee). Sorry no proration for mid-year application. Submit lower portion of application and fee to Town Clerk's Office - W249S8910 Center Drive, Big Bend, WI 53103*

OFFICE USE ONLY: INITIALS _____ / DATE RECEIVED: _____ / PAID: _____