

Town of Gibraltar
and
Gibraltar Fire - Rescue

FAQ's and the Do's and Don'ts of Burn Permits

- 1.) Burn Permits are issued on a one day at a time basis.
- 2.) Permits for Saturday or Sunday burning may be requested from the Town Officer prior to the weekend and picked up at the Fish Creek Advancement association office on the day of the burn.
- 3.) All fires must be attended until out or extinguished. Some exemptions to this may be considered on a case by case basis - for example - Commercial Orchard operations conducting large multi-day burns in large bare earth areas.
- 4.) Permit holders are solely responsible for the fire and their actions. It is strongly recommended that if there is any doubt about conditions surrounding the fire (weather, size of the fire, exposures, etc) or the permit holders ability to manage the fire that the fire not be lit.
- 5.) Per DNR regulations only clean , dry unpainted wood are allowed to be burned.
- 6.) Burning of treated wood is not allowed.
- 7.) It is the permit holders responsibility to understand the Wisconsin DNR's rules and regulations for burning and what material may or may not be burned.
- 8.) Burn permits are not required for burn barrels meeting the DNR requirements.
- 9.) It is recommended that permit holders review the information on the cover of the permit book prior to signing the permit.
- 10.)The individual responsible for lighting any fire (permit or not) is responsible for all damage caused by the fire.
- 11.)Burning without a permit may result in fines being issued to the individual or property owner by the Door County Sheriff's Department.
- 12.) Burning without a permit may result in the individual or property owner being responsible for all costs of extinguishment.
- 13.)It is strongly suggested that anyone burning have a means of extinguishment available at or near the fire at all times.
- 14.) If there is any possibility that the fire is out of control or beyond what the individual thinks they can handle call 9-1-1 immediately . B familiar with your address and location to provide the dispatcher.

Instructions—The issuing agent should:

1. Issue permits to responsible person only.
2. Fill out all parts of permit including: local law or ordinance, name, address, phone, and date issued.
3. Consider all fire hazard conditions known on and adjacent to area to be covered by permit.
4. Issue original permit to applicant and keep copy as needed.
5. Burning of plastic, recyclable¹ paper or cardboard, garbage, asphalt, treated or painted wood, rubber or oily substances, or structures of any kind (barns, sheds, homes, etc.) is illegal.

Informational:

- Open burning could be defined as the burning of any material outdoors including but not limited to a debris pile, burn barrel, prescribed burn, warming or cooking fire, burn pit, bonfires, or other methods as defined by the local municipality.
- Reducing, reusing, recycling and waste composting are strongly encouraged.
Sections 287.07(3) and (4), Wis. Stats., and Ch. NR 544, Wis. Adm. Code, require recycling of plastic, glass, aluminum and metal containers, corrugated cardboard, newspaper, magazines and office paper.
- Permittee must also comply with any local ordinance, which may be more restrictive than state law.

Excerpts from the Wisconsin State Statutes:

- 26.13(1) The chairperson of the town board of each town outside the limits of a forest protection area shall be Town Fire Warden. He/she shall assist and cooperate with the DNR in all matters relating to prevention, detection and suppression of forest fires.
- 26.14(5) Any person who sets a fire or assists in the setting of a fire, including a back fire, on any lands in this state and fails to totally extinguish such fire before leaving it shall forfeit not more than \$100 for the first offense and shall be fined not more than \$500 or imprisoned for not more than 30 days or both for each subsequent offense.
- 26.14(9)(b) Any person who sets a fire on any land and allows such fire to escape and become a forest fire shall be liable for all expenses incurred in the suppression of the fire by the state or town in which the fire occurred. An action under this paragraph shall be commenced within the time provided by s. 893.91 or be barred.
- 287.95(3)(b) After December 31, 1996, any person who violates s. 287.07 (3) and (4) may be required to forfeit \$50 for a first violation, may be required to forfeit \$200 for a 2nd violation and may be required to forfeit not more than \$2,000 for a 3rd or subsequent violation.

¹Recyclable refers to materials which may not be disposed of or burned under the provisions of sections 287.07(3) and (4), Wis. Stats.

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