

## Arpin Volunteer Fire Department Burning Rules

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### **Broadcast/Large scale burns**

Broadcast or other large scale/long duration burning MUST be inspected by above fire department representative BEFORE burning is to be started. A permit will need to be obtained and any restrictions for the burn must be followed. Failure to obtain an inspection and permit will be treated as burning without a permit and will result in a fine and charges for personnel and equipment to extinguish the burn. Call 715-486-6747 and leave a voicemail with burn address and details and someone will contact you.

**An adult must be in attendance of the fire until it is completely out and cold to touch.**

Materials that may be burned (open burning or in a barrel) — Dry leaves, brush, clean wood and other vegetative debris are the only items that may be burned. Prohibited materials include tires, shingles, plastics and treated lumber.

**Burning Barrels** — Burning is allowed in a burn barrel without a burning permit when the burn barrel has vent openings less than ½ inch and the top is covered by a ½ inch or less wire mesh.

**Open Burning** — Burning permits are required for all open burning, year round. All burning shall be conducted only on the property on which the materials were generated. All piles of materials to be burned shall be sized appropriately so that the fire will be completely out by midnight.

**Cooking, Recreational & Campfires** — A burning permit is not required for cooking, recreational and campfires, provided the wind speed is below 10 miles per hour. These fires must be less than 5' in diameter, the wood used in a campfire shall be sized appropriately for a small camp fire, and the fire shall be confined by a control device or structure such as a barrel, fire ring or fire pit.

**Burning Bans** — All forms of outdoor burning are prohibited during a burning ban.

**Commercial Properties** — Burning on commercial properties is prohibited without special approval from the DNR (air quality management) and the Fire Chief. This includes outdoor burning, burning in a barrel and burning confidential papers.

**Attendance of Fires** — Open burning and burning in a barrel shall be constantly attended and supervised by a competent person of at least eighteen (18) years of age until the fire is extinguished and is cold to touch.

**Liability** — Any person who starts or causes an outdoor fire shall be liable for all fire suppression costs if the fire is in violation of this ordinance or it endangers property not covered by the permit or persons. Fines for violating these regulations shall be a forfeiture of not less than \$100 or more than \$300 plus court costs.