



Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department
18 Oxford Place, Madison WI, 53704
Phone: 608-244-3390 Website: www.villageofmaplebluff.com



APPLICATION FOR BURN PERMIT

Application Date: _____

Applicant Last Name: _____ Applicant First Name: _____

Address/Burn Location: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Applicant Cell Phone: (____) _____ - _____ E-Mail: _____

Date(s) of Burn: _____ Time of Burn: _____
(Burn dates greater than four (4) days apart require separate permits.)

- Prior to and at the conclusion of burning, I will call the Maple Bluff Fire Department 608-244-3390.
- I will only burn clean untreated wood, clean non-recyclable paper products and vegetation. I have considered other means of disposal such as composting or recycling.
- I will not burn garbage or anything that is recyclable. This includes but is not limited to: plastic; shingles; wire; metal electronics; asphalt; painted or treated wood; rubber or oily substances; or structures of any kind (barns, sheds, homes, etc.).
- I will have a water supply or other fire extinguishing equipment present, and I will attend my burn at all times and make certain it is completely extinguished and cold to the touch before leaving.
- I am not burning waste generated by a business or commercial entity.

[Fire Dept. Official] Burn Permit Approval: Yes _____ No _____

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____ \$50.⁰⁰ Fee Collected: Yes _____ No _____



Burn Regulations

Village of Maple Bluff

(copy for applicant)



1. Open Burning

- a. Open burning is the process of burning any materials where the products of combustion pass directly into the open air without going through a chimney or stack.
- b. Except as provided in subsection 3, open burning is prohibited in the Village of Maple Bluff without a burning permit approved by the Chief of the Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department or his/her designee.
- c. Fires should be constantly attended by a person 18 years of age or older until such fire is extinguished.
- d. A garden hose connected to a water supply or other fire extinguishing equipment shall be readily available for use.
- e. The Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department is authorized to require any fire to be immediately discontinued if determined that the smoke emissions are offensive to occupants of surrounding properties or if the fire is determined to constitute a hazardous condition.
- f. The Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department shall have the authority to prohibit any or all open fires when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires extraordinarily hazardous. No burning will be allowed if wind conditions will cause smoke, embers, or other burning materials to be carried towards any building or other combustible material, nor anytime the wind is in excess of nine miles per hour (9 m.p.h.) as measured by the National Weather Service for the Village of Maple Bluff, WI.
- g. Fires are to be at least ten (10) feet from any building structure, fence, combustible material or property line.
- h. Fires are to be at least fifty (50) feet from any commercial building including multi-family residential other than one and two family dwellings.
- i. Responsibility for fire. Any damage caused to another person's property by burning of any kind whether authorized or not, shall be the responsibility of the person(s) responsible for igniting the fire. The Village may charge the cost of fire investigation and extinguishment to those responsible for the ignition of the fire.
- j. Section NR 502.11, Wis. Adm. Code, allows for the burning of dry, unpainted and untreated wood, stumps or trees from a commercial business only after they have received a wood burning site license from this Department. Burning permits can be issued to burn brush and trees cleared for forestry, agriculture, road construction or building construction. They cannot be issued to burn waste generated as part of a business activity (i.e., cardboard, lumber, etc.)

2. Open Burning with a Permit.

- a. Permits must be obtained to burn construction debris, brush, dry leaves.
- b. A permit may be obtained at the Maple Bluff Village Center, 18 Oxford Place, Madison, WI 53704 during normal business hours.
- c. Permits are valid only for the day(s) they are issued.
- d. Burning must be completed by 9:00 PM.
- e. No more than two (2) cubic yards of material is to be burned at one time.

3. Open Burning Allowed without a Permit.
 - a. Fire confined within a commercially manufactured outdoor fireplace.
 - i. Constructed and sold for the purpose of containing an outdoor recreational fire.
 - ii. Must be used in accordance with all the manufacturer's safety requirements.
 - iii. Must be placed on noncombustible surface.
 - iv. Gasoline or other flammable liquids shall not be stored or used in the vicinity of this unit.
 - v. The fireplace cannot be used within ten (10) feet of a building, structure, lot line, combustible materials, or in high winds.
 - vi. Must include a bowl or pit for holding wood, must be covered, and have a method for/of containing embers and sparks.
 - vii. The bowl or pit shall not exceed three (3) feet in diameter.
 - b. Fires located in a below-ground fire pit.
 - i. Below-ground fire pits shall be constructed with a minimum depth of four (4) inches and a maximum diameter of three (3) feet. Burning materials must be contained within this enclosure at all times. Such fire pits shall be surrounded by non-combustible materials such as concrete, rock or cement block. Fire shall not extend more than three (3) feet above the pit.
 - ii. The fire pit cannot be used within ten (10) feet of a building, structure, lot line, combustible materials, or in high winds.
 - iii. Gasoline or other flammable liquids shall not be stored or used in the vicinity of this unit.
 - c. Only dry cut firewood or brush can be burned when burning without a permit in an outdoor fireplace or a fire pit. These materials must fit within the confines of these devices or spaces.
 - d. Liquid Petroleum (LP) and Natural Gas (NG) fueled cooking devices.
 - i. Shall not be operated on balconies except in single-family dwellings.
 - ii. Shall not be operated within ten (10) feet of a building or a lot line, except in single-family dwellings.
 - iii. Must be used in accordance with all the manufacturer's safety requirements.
 - e. Charcoal grills and open flame cooking devices.
 - i. Shall not be used on combustible balconies except in single family dwellings.
 - ii. Shall not be used within ten (10) feet of a building or lot line, except in single-family dwellings.
 - iii. Shall be used in accordance with all the manufacturer's safety requirements.
 - f. Burning on Streets.
 - i. No materials can be burned upon any street, curb, gutter or sidewalk.
 - g. Enforcement.
 - i. The Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department reserves the right to approve or disapprove any use of fire.
 - ii. In accordance with Village Ordinance 1-4, first offense: any person who violates any provision of this section may be fined no less than \$5 nor more than \$500, together with the costs of prosecution, and in default of payment of such forfeiture and costs of prosecution shall be imprisoned in the county jail until such forfeiture and costs are paid, but not exceeding 90 days.