

# Town of Greenfield, La Crosse County

## IN CASE OF ESCAPED FIRE, CALL 911

**Notice:** Under TOWN OF GREENFIELD (local law or ordinance) individuals are required to complete this form and obtain a permit for open burning. Personal identifiable information will be used for administering the burning permit program and may also be used for law enforcement purposes.

_____ of _____			
Name	Address		
Is hereby authorized to set fire on land owned or controlled by him/her limited under the following restriction: This permit is good from _____ thru _____; <b>DAYLIGHT HOURS ONLY</b>			
1. Only clean untreated wood, clean "non-recyclable" paper product and vegetation may be burned. Recycling and composting of those materials is strongly encouraged. Burning should be your last alternative.			
2. Burning plastic, recyclable paper, and cardboard, garbage, asphalt, treated or painted wood, rubber or oily substances, or structures of any kind (barns, sheds, homes, etc.) is illegal.			
3. Fire must be attended at all times and be totally extinguished before you leave.			
4. You must also comply with local ordinance, which may be more restrictive than state law.			
5. Open burning of any waste generated by businesses and commercial entities is not allowed under the conditions of this permit.			
<b>Additional Restrictions: Call LEDC (608-785-9634) before burning and when finished. IF you are advised by the dispatcher not to burn, DO NOT BURN. Additionally: THIS PERMIT IS NOT VALID ON SUNDAYS OR HOLIDAYS.</b>			
If your fire gets away, you may be held liable for all expenses incurred in suppression of the fire and may be responsible for all damages cause by the fire.			
<b>I understand this permit is invalidated upon violation of any of its restrictions, or upon the burning of material not authorized by this permit, and may be canceled when deemed necessary.</b>			
_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>Permittee Signature</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>	<b>Local Official</b>	<b>Date issued</b>

### Additional Restrictions:

~Special Permits for large quantities, all day permits, permits sought by commercial contractors and broadcast burns exceeding the local maximum size limit, need to be issued by the local official or their designee.

~Do not burn without fire fighting tools such as a shovel, rake and water hose or buckets of water at the site of the burns.

~A non-combustible firebreak of 5 feet should surround the material to be burned.

~Do not burn if the wind is stronger than 8 miles per hour or if the weather forecast indicated the wind will increase during the time you burn.

~Keep the size of the fire small. If you have a larger pile of brush or other materials to burn, consider starting a separate fire and putting the material on a little bit at a time. It may take a little longer, but it is safer.

~Don't ever leave your fire unattended, even for a brief period of time! When you are done burning, make sure the fire is completely out before leaving the scene.

~Fire can hold over in roots, stumps or other material and be rekindled at a later time. If that happens, you may be responsible for any cost or damage. Even if you have taken all the necessary precautions, check the site several times a day for several days after burning, just to be sure. There have been instance of fires smoldering for up to a month after they were supposedly put out.

~Be smoke considerate! Think about how your smoke will affect other and know where your smoke will go before you begin burning!

### Why is a burn permit required?

Burning permits are required to regulate the open burning of material during time when a forest fire hazard exists and to provide the local fire suppression organization with a method of determining which fires are authorized and which one may be a forest fire.

### What are the risks of burning?

You may be found guilty of either civil or criminal charges when burning in violation of Wisconsin law and/or local ordinances. In addition, if your fire escapes and becomes a forest fire, you may be liable for all cost of extinguishing the fire and, in civil action, may be liable for any property damaged or destroyed.

**REMEMBER ~ Only you can prevent wildfires!**

## **BURNING PERMIT**

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You have accepted a burning permit for brush only, and you are hereby notified of the rules for using the permit. No burning allowed on holidays.

- You must call the Emergency Dispatch Center at 608-785-9634 before you burn, and when you are finished. You will need to provide your name, fire number and a contact phone number. Inform the Dispatch Center of the duration of time you plan on allowing the fire to continue to burn. If you are informed by the Dispatch Center that there is a burning ban in effect, you are not to burn.
- Check the weather to ensure that conditions will be safe to burn.
- Have sufficient help to control the fire.
- Monitor the fire at all times.
- Burning is allowed during daylight hours, and prohibited on holidays and Sundays.
- You are responsible if you lose control of the fire and the Fire Department responds. You will be billed for the fire call. You are also responsible if the Fire Department is dispatched to your property even though you have a permit. This may occur if others see smoke or fire and call 911. If this occurs, you must understand that you will be billed. The minimum charge is \$500.00
- If the fire continues to burn after dark, you must monitor the fire until it is extinguished.

These rules are in place to prevent wild fires, and to prevent damage to property adjacent to your burns site. Please consider alternatives such as grinding brush for wood chips or placing brush in a forested area to decompose. Burning can contribute to air pollution.