

BURN PERMIT RULES

All open burns must have a valid burn permit issued by the Yutan Fire Department

Burn permits are valid for 30 days from the date it was issued.

All open burns are subject to weather conditions (wind speed, humidity, extreme temperature, rainfall or lack of, ect.)

Open burns are allowed sunrise to sunset.

Items you are allowed to burn – clean wood, natural vegetation.

Items you are not allowed to burn – standing structures, tires, garbage, plastic, rail road ties, and hydrocarbon-based products. (If you have questions about and item, please ask.)

If the Yutan Fire District is in a BURN BAN your permit is not valid and you cannot burn, the Sheriff's office keeps track of when open burning is allowed and not allowed.

Before you start your burn, you must call Saunders County Sheriff's dispatch at 402-443-1000 and advise them of the burn location and person doing the burning.

Upon the burn being over you must call the Saunders County Sheriff's dispatch at 402-443-1000 and advise them the burn is finished.

***** CRP and Grass Fields require a Prescribed burn plan *****

IF AT ANY TIME YOUR BURN BECOMES OUT OF CONTROL OR A HAZARD YOU MUST CALL 911.

Open Burning in Nebraska is Banned Statewide

(Title 153 State Fire Marshal Act section 81-520.01.)

The local Fire Chief is allowed to waive the ban with permission to conduct burning.

To Obtain an Open Burn Permit

Come to the Yutan Fire Station 401 1st street on the first, second and third Thursdays between 6:30pm and 7:00pm and someone will issue the permit or call the Yutan Fire Department at 402-625-2273 and someone will set up a time to meet you to issue the permit.

Rules Governing Burning

1. The fire must be attended to at all times, with sufficient means on hand to control the burning, until the fire has completely burned out. Burned brush, logs, and other solid materials must be covered with earth or thoroughly saturated with water before the attendant leaves the site.
2. An area sufficient to prevent communication of fire beyond the burning site must be cleared before burning.
3. There will be **no burning when wind conditions exceed 10 miles per hour** or during any other conditions which may exist to cause a hazardous situation.
4. An authorized Fire Department personnel or any Law Enforcement Officer can conduct an on-site inspection and may terminate this permit at any time.
5. When a local ban on burning is put into effect by the Fire Chief, the permit will automatically be voided until such a ban is removed.
6. Open burning will be allowed during the hours of sun up to sun down and must be completely extinguished by dark.
7. **Absolutely no burning of rubber, creosote, shingles, tar paper, garbage, treated lumber or other items that may be harmful to the environment or cause noxious odors and smoke is allowed or authorized by this permit.**
8. Any fire, which is allowed to get out of control and results in summoning of the Fire Department, can be subject to possible legal action.
9. Any open burning conducted without a valid permit can be subject to possible legal action.
10. **The Saunders County 911 center shall be notified of the location of the burn by calling 402-443-1000 both before and after the burning has been completed.**
11. **81-520.02 Open burning ban; range-management burning; violations; penalty. Any person violating the statewide open burning ban established by section 81-520.01 or violating sections 81520.03 to 81-520.05 shall be guilty of a Class IV misdemeanor.**

Open burning is prohibited in the Yutan city limits unless prior approval has been granted by the Yutan Fire Department, and a burn permit has been obtained.

Open burning in Yutan is allowed under the following conditions:

1. Areas within the City limits of Yutan shall be restricted to ceremonial fires or bonfires for school pep rallies, boy scouts, or family outings.
2. In addition to what is allowed in Item #1, areas within the Yutan Rural Fire District may also be allowed to burn brush piles, tree piles, etc. if located on large acreages or, if contractors are clearing land, for construction purposes.
3. No open burning shall be allowed before sun up or after sun down.
4. No open burning in residential areas shall be permitted to burn for more than ten (10) hours.
5. A permit for open burning within the City limits of Yutan shall be obtained from the Yutan Fire Department.
6. Only free-burning combustible material such as dry kindling wood or scrap lumber may be used. No material such as plastics, rubber, stuffed furniture, etc. that gives off large amounts of smoke may be burned. Newspaper or cardboard shall be limited to an amount required to start the fire. No combustible liquids shall be used as a starter or propellant for these fires.
7. The pile of material to be burned shall be no larger than six (6) feet by six (6) feet by four (4) feet in height in residential areas. In commercial areas and large acreages, the pile of material to be burned shall be no larger than thirty (30) by thirty (30) feet by ten (10) feet in height. The Yutan Fire Department Official shall make the final decision of the pile size. Material may be added to the pile so long as the pile does not exceed the area limitation stated above.
8. There shall not be more than one such pile permitted to burn at any one time.
9. The fires shall not be located within fifty (50) feet of any structure. The area must be open with no overhead appurtenances and accessible to Fire Department apparatus. The area may be inspected by a Fire Department representative before a permit is issued.
10. The party obtaining the permit shall be at the site during the entire burn and shall insure the fire is extinguished with water before leaving the property.

The Fire Department reserves the right to cancel any open burning permit when atmospheric conditions or other circumstances make such fires hazardous at anytime

Every year the Yutan Fire Department receives numerous questions from citizens on what constitutes a safe fire and what is and isn't legal when dealing with recreational burning. It is important to know these requirements so outdoor burning can remain safe and enjoyable. **Failure to follow good safety practices with these fires can lead to serious injuries and property damage!**

There are a few types of outdoor burning that would be legal within the City of Yutan without the issuance of a "burn permit" from the Yutan Fire Department. This would include:

- Cooking in standard barbecue equipment
- Use of an outdoor fireplace or "portable" outdoor fireplace
- Fire contained within a "barbecue pit or ring"

The burning of leaves, grass clippings, brush, trash, construction debris, or any other type of rubbish for the purpose of salvage or destruction is strictly prohibited and may result in a criminal citation for violation of Yutan City Ordinance 725 "Open Fires; When Allowed".

Failure to follow the rules set forth are a violation of Yutan City Code _____ "Adoption of International Fire Code" and may result in a Criminal Citation.

Fuel for open flame cooking, outdoor fireplaces, and "barbecue pits" shall be limited to Charcoal; Clean, dry "fire wood"; Commercial "fire logs"; and/or clean untreated lumber; natural gas; or Liquefied Petroleum (LP)-gas.

Cooking in standard barbecue equipment

- Use of charcoal and other open flame cooking devices is strictly prohibited and shall not be operated on combustible balconies or within 10 feet of combustible construction. The exceptions are:
 - One- and two- family dwellings.
 - Where buildings, balconies, and decks are protected by an automatic sprinkler system.
 - Liquefied-petroleum-gas-fueled cooking devices having an LP-gas container with a water capacity not greater than 2.5 pounds (nominal 1-pound LP-gas capacity).



Pictured is an example of what would be acceptable for use on a combustible balcony or within 10 feet of combustible construction in which the buildings, balconies, and decks are not protected by an automatic sprinkler system.

Use of a portable “outdoor fireplace”



- The use of a portable “outdoor fireplace” is permitted within the City of Yutan.
- Fuel for the portable “outdoor fireplace” shall be limited to Charcoal; Clean, dry “fire wood”; Commercial “fire logs”; and/or clean untreated lumber.
- A portable “outdoor fireplace” shall be at least 15 feet from a combustible structure. This would include a deck or overhang. The exception would be portable “outdoor fireplaces” used at one- and two-family dwellings. *(Please note: The Yutan Fire Department does not recommend using a portable outdoor fire place within 15 feet of any combustible construction.)*
- A portable “outdoor fireplace” shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished.
- A fire extinguisher (rating of 4A or greater), garden hose, or some other means of extinguishment shall be available for immediate utilization.
- Sustained complaints of hazardous, objectionable, or offensive smoke will result in an order of extinguishment by the Yutan Police or Fire Departments.

Fires contained within a “barbecue pit”



- Fires contained within a non-combustible “barbecue pit or ring” are permitted within the City of Yutan.
- Un-contained “recreational” fires, or ordinary camp fires, are **not** permitted within the City of Yutan.

- The Yutan Fire Department recommends that the non-combustible walls of a barbecue pit be a minimum of 12 inches in height and that the inner diameter of the barbecue pit does not exceed 60 inches.
- Fuel for a "barbecue pit" shall be limited to Charcoal; Clean, dry "fire wood"; Commercial "fire logs"; and/or clean untreated lumber.
- Fires contained within a "barbecue pit" shall be at least 15 feet from a combustible structure. This would include a deck or overhang.
- Fires contained within a "barbecue pit" shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished.
- A fire extinguisher (rating of 4A or greater), garden hose, or some other means of extinguishment shall be available for immediate utilization.
- The "burn pile" (or fuel pile) within the "barbecue pit" shall not exceed 36 inches in diameter and 24 inches in height. Fires with a "burn pile" larger than 36" x 24" would be considered a "bon fire" and would require the issuance of a "burn permit" from the Yutan Fire Department.
- Sustained complaints of hazardous, objectionable, or offensive smoke will result in an order of extinguishment by the Yutan Police or Yutan Fire Department.

For additional information regarding "burning" within the City of Yutan, please contact the Yutan Fire Department at 402-625-2273.