



**APPLICATION TO OBTAIN A PERMIT
FOR RECREATIONAL FIRES**

FIRE SITE: LOCATION OF FIRE: _____

DATE OF FIRE: _____

TIME/DURATION OF FIRE: _____

PURPOSE OF FIRE: _____

MATERIAL TYPE: _____

VOLUME: _____

APPLICANT NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

I have read and understand the guidelines/regulations for Recreational Fires which are listed on the attachment of application.

Signature

Date

West Chicago Fire District Approval
PERMIT ISSUED

Michael L. Guttman
City Administrator

Date

***PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM AT LEAST 1 WEEK BEFORE THE FIRE**

By submitting this form electronically I acknowledge that I have read and understand the regulations governing Recreational Fires in West Chicago. I agree to abide by such regulations, which are included below.

RECREATIONAL FIRE REGULATIONS

- (A) Open burning is herein defined as the combustion of any refuse of any yard waste outside of a building on the ground or in a container.
- (B) Yard Waste is herein defined as all accumulations of grass or shrubbery cuttings, leaves, tree limbs and other materials accumulated as the result of the care of lawns, shrubbery, vines and trees.
- (C) Recreational Fires shall be defined as bonfires, campfires and similar types of open burning of any kind. It shall not include cooking on barbecue grills.
- (D) Recreational Fires shall only be allowed when the following requirements have been met:
1. A special permit shall be requested and be issued to the owner of the property upon which the burning is to be kindled. The permits will be issued by the City Administrator.
 2. Applications for open burning shall be completed and submitted to the City Administrator's office; City Hall, 475 Main Street, West Chicago, IL 60185.
 3. All applications shall, as a minimum, contain information regarding the purpose of the burning, the nature and quantities of material to be burned, the date, time and location of the burning site. Applications shall be submitted to the City Administrator's office no less than 5 business days before the scheduled fire.
 4. The location of the fire site shall be not less than fifty (50) feet from any structure.
 5. No flammable or combustible liquids or solids such as gasoline, diesel fuel and kerosene shall be used to assist or starting to assist in the accelerated spread of the fire.
 6. Only clean, well seasoned/dry wood shall be allowed to burn to minimize the generation of air contaminates.
 7. Any open burning shall be constantly attended until the fire has been extinguished.
 8. Appropriate fire extinguishment equipment such as a garden hose or as the situation Dictates shall be available for immediate use.
 9. All recreational fires shall be prohibited when atmospheric conditions or local Circumstances make such fires hazardous.
- (E) Permits will not be issued for the open burning of yard waste.
- (F) No person shall set a recreational fire on the public streets, alleys, sidewalks or ways of the City.
- (G) The Police Department shall enforce this section of the Code. Permits will be revoked and the permit holders ordered to extinguish the fire if unhealthy conditions exist, or if the above regulations are not met.
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