



## Buffalo City Fire & Rescue

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To all residents of the City of Buffalo

Please be familiar with the city ordinance regarding open burning in the city limits of Buffalo. Open burning has been prohibited inside the city limits of Buffalo since 1984, with the exception of yard waste (grass, leaves, small limbs and twigs) under certain conditions. This insert will inform you about the open burning ordinance, and outline the steps you must take to request permission to have a controlled burn at your location. Burning anything other than yard waste requires approval from the fire department before you begin the fire. **Section 230.050**

### **Burning Litter, Leaves, Etc., Prohibited**

"No person shall burn any refuse or solid waste in Buffalo. Yard waste in manageable quantities may only be burnt when it does not create a nuisance for other residents or pose a fire danger to anyone's property and is under constant supervision." (CC 1984 §64.040; Ord. No. 03-10, §1-2, 5-12-03)

### **Procedure for Requesting Permission for a Control Burn**

1. You must request an inspection from Buffalo City Fire Department prior to beginning any outside fire. Allow a reasonable time for the fire department to contact you and to come to your location to inspect the site of the control burn. (Since this is a volunteer fire department, members are not standing by at all times to inspect your site.)

**Please plan ahead.**

2. After the fire department has inspected and approved your control burn, you must call the burn line at Dallas County 9-1-1 (see number below) to inform them before you light the controlled burn. **Do Not call 9-1-1!!!** The correct number to call is listed below.

3. After you have notified 9-1-1 that you are beginning your controlled burn, you may light your burn pile.

### **DO NOT USE GASOLINE TO START YOUR FIRE!!!**

- You must remain with the controlled burn until it is completely out!
- You cannot burn shingles, plastic items, paper, furniture, oil or petroleum waste, tires or anything else prohibited by DNR regulations.
- You must have a water hose or other water source available in case the fire gets out of control.
- If a neighbor complains about the smoke, you must put out your fire, or the fire department will.

### **Contact Phone Numbers:**

**Buffalo City Fire & Rescue**

345-7800

**Buffalo City Hall**

345-2701

**Dallas County 9-1-1**

345-1999

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