

## OSAGE COUNTY BURN PERMIT QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q. When does the burn permit system go into effect?

A. January 1, 2015 per Osage County Resolution 14-13.

Q. Where can I get a burn permit?

A. Osage Co Clerk's, Land Development, Sheriff's, Extension, Emergency Management, and USDA Service Center Office in Lyndon. Osage County Fire Districts and selected City Clerk's offices (Carbondale, Burlingame, Scranton, Overbrook, Quenemo, Osage City, and Melvern). You can get a permit application form at the Osage County web site ([www.osageco.org](http://www.osageco.org)) under the Emergency Management tab and email to [burnpermit@oscosherriff.org](mailto:burnpermit@oscosherriff.org) or fax to 785 828 3662 (they will assign a permit number and email to the applicant).

**Q. How long is a permit valid for and what is the cost?**

**A. Until December 31, 2022. Permits are issued free.**

Q. Does this burn permit system apply to cities?

A. No, only to the unincorporated areas in Osage County.

Q. Do I have to call the Osage County Dispatch Center before and after burning and what information is needed?

A. Yes. Name, permit number, phone number, address of burn and what is being burnt.

Q. Do I need to standby at the burn site until the fire is completely extinguished?

A. Yes and you must call Osage County Sheriff Dispatch (785 828 3121) when completed.

**Q. Can Osage County suspend all burning on certain days when conditions are dangerous?**

A. Yes. Information can be found on the Osage County web site under Emergency Management ([www.osageco.org](http://www.osageco.org)) or by calling Osage Co. Emergency Management at 785 828 3323 or Osage Co Dispatch Center at 785 828 3121.

Q. Do I need a permit to burn household trash?

A. No, but must be in an enclosed screen covered container. **If a fire is caused by fires in previous described device all penalties in this resolution apply.**

Q. Do I need a permit for campfire rings, barbecue grills, fireplaces, or fire pits?

A. No, but you cannot burn hazardous or toxic materials and must be at a residence or developed recreational site. **If a fire is caused by fires in previous described devices all penalties in this resolution apply.**

Q. What are the manpower and equipment requirements?

- A. You must have sufficient manpower and equipment at burn site to control your burn.
- Q. Are you responsible when you do a burn/set the fire?
- A. Yes, you assume all liability.
- Q. What are the penalties for violation of the burn resolution?
- A. It is a Class A misdemeanor, fines can be up to \$2500.00.
- Q. What is the procedure for obtaining a burn permit?
- A. Permit applications are available at designated locations. File out and sign permit, the white copy is for the permit holder, leave yellow copy at location. This information will be forwarded to Osage County Emergency Management and logged in. More information can be found above (question 2).
- Q. What if I misplace my permit?
- A. Call Osage County Emergency Management and they will sent you a copy of permit or the permit number. Osage County Emergency Management and Osage County Sheriff's Dispatch Center will maintain a permit database.
- Q. Who is the contact for more information about the limited burn resolution and permits?
- A. Osage County Emergency Management 785 828 3323 or [bromine@oscosherriff.org](mailto:bromine@oscosherriff.org)

For information regarding special burn permits contact the Kansas Department of Health & Environment at 785 842 4600 or [http://www.kdheks.gov/befs/dist\\_offices/ne.htm#air](http://www.kdheks.gov/befs/dist_offices/ne.htm#air)

The Osage County Burn Permit Resolution does not restrict the types of materials that can be burned. However, the State of Kansas, does prohibit the burning of certain materials. For a list of such materials contact Kansas Department of Health & Environment.