



Mobile Fire-Rescue Department Bureau of Fire Prevention
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Open Burning Policy

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Burning of materials wherein products of combustion are emitted directly into the ambient air is only allowed in the City limits and Fire Jurisdiction under strict guidelines from the Bureau of Fire Prevention.

Burning will not be approved within the City limits in residential or other areas where structures or other combustibles are in close proximity.

Burn Permits will only be approved under strict guidelines for these activities:

- Land Clearing
- Bonfires

Fee Schedule and guideline information is available at the Bureau of Fire Prevention
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Fire Alarm is to be notified by the Bureau of Fire Prevention with pertinent information immediately after a Burn Permit is issued. A copy of the permit is required to be on site at all times. Non-permitted burns will be in violation of the Fire Code of the City of Mobile may result in denial of future burning and/or fine.

Fires shall be attended at all times and a means of control and extinguishment must be on site. Permission to burn will be revoked upon legitimate complaint due to fallout created by the fire and shall be extinguished immediately.

Burn Permits are not required for:

- Residents along Mobile Bay to burn debris at the water's edge that washed ashore and is clear of combustible exposures such as dry grass or structures.
- Property owners or residents outside City limits in the Fire Jurisdiction under these guidelines: Daylight hours with wind speed less than 10 miles per hour, in approved containers or isolated piles that are six feet in diameter or less, fifty feet or more from nearest combustible exposure or structure and less than 25 feet from property line. Burning on Public Right of way is not allowed.
- To burn on railroad tracks during repair operations by railroad personnel. The Railroad representative is required to notify Fire Alarm.