

Town of Westport – Open Burning Regulations

The Town of Westport generally prohibits open burning, except for certain exceptions. In order to ensure the public's health and safety, the Town of Westport would like to remind residents to follow all rules and regulations pertaining to outdoor open burning.

Some recreational burning is allowed, under strict conditions. However; most open burning without a permit is prohibited within the Town of Westport, Section 3-2-7 of Title 3, Chapter 2 of the Town Code of Ordinances places restrictions upon open burning.

- *All recreational burning, whether allowed with or without prior permission or permit, must be:*
 - *at least five feet from property lines **and** thirty feet from any neighboring residences*
 - *in rear or side yards only*
 - *properly covered and monitored at all times*

Allowed without prior permission or permit

- *Incinerators or burning barrels, with proper covers, allow for ONLY the following to be burned:*
 - *clean, untreated and unpainted wood*
 - *paper and cardboard*
- *Fire pits, whether portable or permanent, must be properly covered at all times*
- *Outdoor cooking over a fire contained in a device designed for such use*

Allowed ONLY with prior permission or permit

- *Your local Fire Department should be contacted to obtain approval prior to commencing either of the below listed burns*
 - *Middleton Fire Department: 608-827-1090*
 - *Waunakee Fire Department: 608-849-5488*
- *Ceremonial campfires or bonfires*
- *Burning of dry leaves, dry brush, and other natural, dry yard debris – with proper monitoring*

Prohibitions to Open Burning:

The following locations, conditions, or items are never allowed when open burning in Westport

- *Burning in the road right of way, on a highway, or on public easements*
- *Burning on days with excessive wind or other dangerous atmospheric conditions*
- *Burning of wet rubbish or leaves, oily substances, asphalt, plastic, rubber, or household garbage*
- *Burning when prohibited by Government order or by one of the Fire Chiefs*
- *Burning of a building or buildings, construction and similar materials, unless by a Fire Department for training purposes, with prior approval*

*Please feel free to contact the **Town of Westport** at **608-849-4372**, for clarification on any of the outdoor burning regulations listed above, or feel free to review the*

Town of Westport Open Burning Ordinance Code at

<http://www.townofwestport.org/Ordinances/Title 3/Title 3 Chapter 2.pdf>