



McAllen Fire Department

Open Burning Permit Requirements

Permit Fee: \$50.00

(Site MUST be ready for inspection within 7 days of payment)

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1. An Inspection Request Form **must** be completed and submitted to request a burn permit site inspection. The inspection will be based on all requirements set forth in this form. The form is available online at: <https://mcallen.net/departments/fire> under documents, or at the Development Center, located at 311 N. 15th Street.
2. A \$50.00 permit fee must be paid prior to conducting the site inspection.
3. Site **MUST** be ready for inspection within 7 days of payment.
4. Extension consideration will be based on weather events only. If approved, a one time, 15-day extension may be granted.
5. Burn permits are issued for the open burning of trees, brush, shrubs and limbs, solely for the purpose of land clearance. **CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL, APPLIANCES, AND TRASH ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED.**
6. The burn site shall be inspected by the McAllen Fire Marshal's Office prior to any burning.
7. Burn piles shall be located a minimum of 50 feet from all structures.
8. Burning will be conducted between sunrise and 3:00 P.M.
9. Burning is **NOT** permitted if the wind speed is less than 6 mph or greater than 20 mph.
10. Burning shall be supervised by a responsible adult at all times.
11. The burning permit shall be at the burn site with the on-site supervisor. Failure to provide the burn permit upon request, shall result in the extinguishment by fire personnel.
12. If smoke or odors from burning causes any disturbances to persons or motorists, or if the fire is left unattended, the fire must be extinguished
13. The burn site must be cleared, cleaned or disked for a radius of at least 100 feet around each pile of vegetation prior to initiating any burning. **Burn only one (1) pile at a time.**
14. The permit holder is required to notify fire department dispatch prior to initiating any burning operations at 956-681-2525, including on holidays and weekends.
15. Other requirements may be listed by the fire inspector, if needed, at the time of the site inspection

The authority to conduct burning under the Outdoor Burning Rule does not exempt or excuse any person responsible for the consequences, damages, or injuries resulting from the burning. Failure to obtain a burning permit prior to an open burn shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be issued a citation to appear in municipal court to face a fine of up to \$500.00.