

2019 Kansas City, Kansas Burn Permit Process

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Many residents assume that it is local government's responsibility to maintain trees in the street rights-of-way. While this may be the case in some cities, in Kansas City, Kansas it is the responsibility of the property owner to maintain, prune, and remove if necessary, trees that are planted along the street rights-of-way. One way residents can legally dispose of limbs is through open burning.

Residents in Kansas City, Kansas may apply for a burn permit for the time period of the month of April 2019 and the time period of October 16, 2019 through November 15, 2019 at any of the Fire Stations currently staffed by the Kansas City, Kansas Fire Department. Kansas City, Kansas residents are limited to one 3-day burn permit per burn period that allows for the combustion of one 10 foot by 10 foot or smaller pile of naturally occurring residential organic yard waste generated onsite. If you operate a business out of your home, you are classified as a business and cannot participate. Applications must be received and approved at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of burning. Open burning with a permit is allowed between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The owner of the property must apply for and sign the permit. A copy of the permit must be on-site during the open burn. A responsible party must always be present until the fire is completely extinguished. An adequate water supply and/or other comparable extinguishing resource must be immediately available while conducting open burning. In no circumstance shall open burning occur within 15 feet of any building or within 15 feet from any one's property line, street, or sidewalk.

All organic materials burned within the city limits of Kansas City, Kansas are limited to organic materials (yard waste such as tree limbs, leaves, weeds, brush, and grass) generated on the property. Burning without a permit shall be subject to Section I-7 (General Penalty, Continuing Violations) of the general provisions code of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/KCK. At no time shall rubbish, wire insulation, tires, rubber products, plastic, treated lumber, automobile products, paper, cardboard, construction debris/chemicals, household chemicals or any other material that emits dense smoke, noxious odors or hazardous air pollutants be burned.

At any time, the Director or the Chief of the Fire Prevention Division may revoke any permit or ban open burning if either determine open burning would constitute a danger to public health or safety. Weather conditions (high winds-sustained over 15mph, low humidity) may make open burning too dangerous. Suspension of open burning will be posted on the Unified Government's website and on the KCKFD web and Facebook pages. Open burning may also be suspended when air pollution "Red Alert" days are declared by the Mid America Regional Council, MARC, and the Unified Government.