

## YOU MAY NOT BURN:

- Hazardous or biological waste, tires, rubber material, residual oil, used oil, asphalt, roofing material, tar, treated wood, plastics, garbage or trash.
- No burning will be allowed when the following occurs: A National Weather Service Air Stagnation Advisory, Air Pollution Episode or the Division of Forestry has determined that weather conditions are unfavorable for safe burning.
- Exception: When not restricted by location, set back requirements or weather conditions one and two-family residential properties may burn dried vegetative yard debris and household paper products.
- Allowed burning or smoke may not reduce visibility on public roadways, airports or other sensitive areas.
- When the burn or smoke poses a threat to public health, livestock, or property the fire shall be extinguished.
- Burning authorizations will be denied to any person responsible for a burn who repeatedly violates Florida Law or Local Ordinances. This denial will remain in effect until the concern that caused the denial has been mitigated in consultation with the appropriate authorities: Division of Forestry field unit manager, Fire Marshal or City official.

## WARNING!

- You are responsible for the fire and its control.
- You may be held liable for any damages due to it getting out of control.
- Make sure you have adequate water and equipment to ensure control is maintained.
- Be sure that safe weather conditions prevail before starting a fire.
- If you need more information or want to know if weather conditions are favorable for a fire, please call 772-226-1880 Monday through Friday between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm.

**Fire safety and permit information is available at our website by navigating to:**

- [WWW.IRCGOV.COM](http://WWW.IRCGOV.COM)
- Most of the topic links are located on the left-hand side.
- Click on County Departments.
- Go to Fire Rescue Division.
- Click on Burn Regulations.
- Or click on your topic of interest.

## BURNING REGULATIONS

### CITY & COUNTY

(Excluding Indian River Shores)



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### Indian River County Fire Prevention

**1801 27<sup>th</sup> Street Building A  
Vero Beach, FL 32960-0310**

**Phone: 772-226-1880**

**Fax: 772-978-1848**

**[fireprevention@ircgov.com](mailto:fireprevention@ircgov.com)**

## REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL FIRES:

- No fire is allowed under windy conditions
- The fire shall be attended at all times
- The fire must not produce nuisance smoke and/or odors.
- Burn only dry materials.
- Fire is allowed (Subject to location and weather conditions) 9:00 am to one hour before sunset.

## MAY I USE A FIRE FOR COOKING FOOD OR WARMING?

- Yes, fires must be in a ground excavation or a noncombustible container (Max 8' diameter).

## MAY I HAVE A FIRE WHEN LIVING IN A CITY OR THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY?

**Fellsmere:** Yes, yard debris burning and household paper products require a permit through the City Clerk.

**Sebastian:** No yard debris burning.

**Vero Beach:** No yard debris burning.

### **Unincorporated Indian River County:**

Yes, when not restricted by location, set back requirements or weather conditions. Only occupied one and two family residential properties may burn dried vegetative yard debris and household paper products.

## WHERE CAN I LOCATE A FIRE?

- 50' from any public paved road or highway.
- 25' from any residence that is on the property where the burning is being conducted.
- 150' from the neighboring occupied building.
- 25' from forest, woodlands, brush or combustible material.
- The fire must be in a ground excavation or noncombustible container.
- Burn materials must not be located above ground level or over the top of the container.
- Maximum fire size is 8' in diameter.

## RURAL LAND CLEARING AND BURNING (West of I-95)

Call the Division of Forestry for permit information. 772-778-5085.

- Approval is required each day to obtain permission to burn. You may call after 4:00 pm the day before.
- An on-site inspection is required.
- If the burn gets out of compliance, you have two hours to again meet compliance requirements. If Division of Forestry or IRC Fire Rescue determines the burn causes a threat to life, public safety or property, fire suppression actions will be taken and may include fines.

**BURN TIMES:** After 9:00 am and must be extinguished one hour before sunset. For complete burning information refer to FAC-62-256.200, 62-256.300, 62-256.700.

## FOR AGRICULTURAL BURNING CONTACT THE DIVISION OF FORESTRY

The Division of Forestry issues agricultural burn permits if the land is to be used for agriculture or silvicultural purposes. There is a building moratorium if you state that you are burning for agricultural or silvicultural purposes. 772-778-5085.

## RURAL LAND CLEARING AND BURNING (East of I-95)

A burn permit and an air curtain incinerator permit are required through the Indian River County Fire Prevention. Application are available at 1801 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Building A Vero Beach, FL 32960, 772-226-1880

Air curtain incinerator permits: no burning is allowed on Indian River County Government observed holidays & weekends. Air curtain incinerator permits expire 180 days from issuance.

Each day you wish to burn you must first contact the Fire Prevention Bureau for approval before burning.

If the weather conditions are unfavorable as determined by IRC Fire Rescue, no burning will be allowed.