

OPEN BURNING OF LANDSCAPE WASTE GUIDELINES

Residents that reside in the Village of Gurnee are not permitted to burn landscape waste per the Gurnee Municipal Code, Chapter 34, Article V. Outdoor Fires.

Residents that reside in the unincorporated areas of Lake County within the Warren-Waukegan Fire Protection District are required to comply with the Lake County Public Nuisance Ordinance, Article 2, Section 1, (i) Open Burning of Landscape Waste.

It is a public nuisance to conduct open burning of grass clippings and tree trunks in the designated unincorporated area, subject to the following exceptions:

1. The prohibition in this subsection (i) shall not apply to: recreational fires, campfires, self-contained outdoor burn devise, and ceremonial fires if no garbage, junk and debris, tree trunks, leaves, flowers, or weeds are burned in such fires.
2. Notwithstanding the prohibition of this subsection (i), open burning of specified landscape waste shall be allowed in the designated unincorporated area when all of the following restrictions are met:
 - (i) The burning is conducted between five o'clock (5:00) PM and eight (8:00) PM or sunset, whichever is earlier, Monday through Friday and between twelve o'clock (12:00) PM and eight o'clock (8:00) PM or sunset, whichever is earlier, on Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays;
 - (ii) The burning has been extinguished with no smoke emanating after eight o'clock (8:00) PM or sunset whichever is earlier;
 - (iii) The burning occurs on the premises where the landscape waste was generated; and
 - (iv) The burning is conducted no closer than fifty (50) feet from a school property line, fifty (50) feet from the centerline of the road, twenty-five (25) feet from a building, and twenty-five (25) feet from the side property line.
3. Landscape waste burning shall be conducted by a qualified person(s).
4. Landscape waste fired shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished.
5. On-site fire-extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose or water truck, shall be available for immediate utilization.
6. Landscape waste burning that will be offensive or objectionable because of smoke or odor emissions when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous shall be required to be extinguished. The Commanding Fire Officer at the scene is authorized to require the extinguishment of the landscape waste burning which created or adds to a hazardous or objectionable situation. Should the property owner be uncooperative, contact the Lake County Sheriff to assist.

For additional information, contact the Gurnee Fire Department at 847-599-6600.

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