

Burn Permit

Open burning is permitted within the boundaries of the Monarch Fire Protection District under certain conditions. There are two categories of permitted open burning – bonfires/recreational fires and prescribed burns.

BONFIRES/RECREATIONAL FIRES

Bonfire. An outdoor fire utilized for ceremonial purposes with a fuel area larger than that of a recreational fire. A permit is required for a bonfire (see below for bonfire permit requirements).

Bonfires shall not be conducted within 50 feet of a structure or combustible material.

Recreational Fire. An outdoor fire with a fuel area of 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth or similar purposes. A permit is required for a recreational fire (see below for recreational fire permit requirements).

Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material.

Portable Outdoor Fireplaces. A portable, outdoor, solid-fuel-burning fireplace that may be constructed of steel, concrete, clay or other noncombustible material. A portable outdoor fireplace may be open in design, or may be equipped with a small hearth opening and a short chimney or chimney opening in the top. A permit is not required for portable outdoor fireplaces or their use.

Portable outdoor fireplaces shall be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and shall not be operated within 15 feet of a structure or combustible material. **Exception:** Portable outdoor fireplaces used at one- and two-family dwellings – however, it is recommended that the 15-foot distance be applied there also.

Bonfire and/or Recreational Fire Permit.

Bonfire/recreational fire permit applications must be submitted to the Fire Prevention Bureau at least 5 days prior to the event. The application may be mailed or delivered to the Fire Prevention Bureau at 13725 Olive Blvd., Chesterfield, MO 63017, or e-mailed to fireprevention@monarchfpd.org. The application must be filled out completely, and include the date, time, address of the fire, and the name and telephone number of a responsible adult who will be on-site for the duration of the burning. Once the application has been received, an on-site inspection will be scheduled. If conditions are acceptable for the fire, the permit will be issued to the applicant.

There is no fee for this permit.

Be aware that your bonfire or recreational fire permit is conditional upon acceptable weather conditions. Your permit may be denied or revoked due to extreme dry or windy conditions. Since weather conditions may be varied in different areas within the Monarch Fire Protection District,

it is your responsibility to monitor the conditions at the location of your planned fire, and take appropriate actions to ensure that the fire will not spread beyond its intended limits.

Additional requirements for the bonfires and recreational fires:

- Fuel shall consist only of dry seasoned wood and shall be ignited using paper and kindling. **No flammable liquids such as gasoline shall be used to light the fire.**
- All additional fuel shall be stored at least 25 feet from the fire.
- Grass and weeds shall be cut and raked for not less than 25 feet from the fire.
- The fire shall be constantly attended, by a responsible adult until it is extinguished.
- A garden hose or other means of extinguishment shall be readily available to extinguish the fire, especially if it should start to spread or become a danger.
- You will need to notify the Fire District emergency dispatch agency before lighting the fire and again after it has been extinguished. The telephone number will be included on the permit.
- A copy of the permit shall be available at the fire to present to fire or police officers, should they be called to the scene.

PRESCRIBED BURNS

Prescribed Burn. An outdoor fire utilized for the management of vegetative growth, forest management or wildlife management. This does not include the burning of vegetative waste as a means of disposal. A permit is required for a prescribed burn (see below for prescribed burn permit requirements).

Prescribed Burn Permit.

Prescribed burn permit applications must be submitted to the Fire Prevention Bureau at least 5 days prior to the event. The application may be mailed or delivered to the Fire Prevention Bureau at 13725 Olive Blvd., Chesterfield, MO 63017, or e-mailed to fireprevention@monarchfpd.org. The application must be filled out completely and include the date, time, address of the prescribed burn, and the name and telephone number of a responsible adult who will be on-site for the duration of the burning. Once the application has been received, an on-site inspection will be scheduled. If conditions are acceptable for the fire, the permit will be issued to the applicant.

There is no fee for this permit unless fire department stand-by is needed. If fire department stand-by is needed, the permit fee is \$155.

We also highly recommend that you read the *Prescribed Burning Conservation Practice Information Sheet*
http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/references/public/MO/PrescribedBurn_InfoSheet_4_08.pdf.

Be aware that your prescribed burn permit is conditional upon acceptable weather conditions. Your permit may be denied or revoked due to extreme dry or windy conditions. Since weather conditions may be varied in different areas within the Monarch Fire Protection District, it is your responsibility to monitor the conditions at the location of your planned fire, and take appropriate actions to ensure that the fire will not spread beyond its intended limits.

Additional requirements for prescribed burns:

- The fire shall be constantly attended, by a responsible adult until it is extinguished.
- You will need to notify the Fire District emergency dispatch agency before lighting the fire and again after it has been extinguished. The telephone number will be included on the permit.
- A garden hose or other means of extinguishment shall be readily available to extinguish the fire, especially if it should start to spread or become a danger.
- A copy of the permit shall be available at the fire to present to fire or police officers, should they be called to the scene.
- It is also highly recommended that you follow all guidelines, recommendations and practices of the Missouri Department of Conservation for this type of burn.