

**ORDINANCE FOR OPEN FIRE BURNING  
TOWN OF ROCK CREEK  
DUNN COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

**OPEN BURNING IS PROHIBITED UNLESS A PERMIT HAS BEEN ISSUED**

The town of Rock Creek ordains that in order to protect the public's safety and welfare the following restrictions on open fire burning apply within the Town of Rock Creek:

**OPEN BURNING:**

Burning permits are required for all open burning, year round. Burning shall be conducted only on the property on which the materials were generated. A new permit must be obtained for each day of burning. Permits will not be issued when the wind speed is 10 MPH or greater unless there is adequate snow cover.

**BURNING HOURS:**

**Without Snow Cover**

Monday through Friday - 4:00 PM to 8:00 AM the following day (6:00 AM on holidays)  
Saturday – 8:00 AM to 6:00 AM Sunday

**With Snow Cover**

Monday through Friday - 8:00 AM to 8:00 AM the following day (6:00 AM on holidays)  
Saturday – 8:00 AM to 6:00 AM Sunday

**No burning allowed on Sundays and holidays except as noted above**

**No burning allowed during closed burning periods**

**PERMITS OBTAINED: Call 715-232-1348**

**Without Snow Cover**

Monday through Friday - 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM  
Saturday – 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM

**With Snow Cover**

Monday through Friday - 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM  
Saturday – 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM

**No burning allowed on Sundays and holidays except as noted above**

**No burning allowed during closed burning periods**

**SPECIAL BURNING PERMITS:**

Special burning permits with extended burning times maybe obtained. These permits will be issued on a case by case basis through the Rock Creek Fire Department at [RCTFD1@gmail.com](mailto:RCTFD1@gmail.com). Please contact three days in advance. The Rock Creek Fire Department will then notify Dunn County.

**ATTENDANCE OF FIRES:**

Open burning and burning in a barrel shall be constantly monitored and supervised by a competent person of at least 18 years of age. **The permit holder is at all times responsible for the control of the fire.**

**ALLOWABLE MATERIALS:**

Untreated wood, brush, dry leaves, vegetative matter, and non-recyclable paper are the

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only items that may be burned. **Burning of garbage is prohibited.**

**Open burning shall be conducted only on the property on which the materials were generated or at a facility approved by the Department of Natural Resources and the Fire Chief and in accord with all restrictions imposed by approving authorities.**

**BURN BARRELS:**

**Burning of garbage, yard waste and untreated wood is prohibited by Dunn County Ordinance**

**COOKING AND RECREATIONAL FIRES:**

A permit is not required for cooking, recreational, and camp fires. Such fires must be less than 5 feet in diameter, the wood sized appropriately, and confined by a control structure such as a barrel, fire ring or pit.

**BUILDING PROXIMITY**

Open burning under this ordinance shall only be conducted at a location at least 50 feet from the nearest building which is not on the same property.

**BURNING BANS:**

All forms of outdoor burning, including cooking and recreational fires are prohibited during a burning ban. These bans may be issued by state, county, or town officials. Be alert to any such ban announcements. Burning on commercial properties is prohibited without special approval by Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources air quality managers. Outdoor burning is also prohibited during an ozone alert. Outdoor burning is also prohibited while the City of Menomonie has imposed a burning ban.

**ATTENTION LANDLORDS:**

Property owners are responsible for compliance by their tenants with this ordinance.

**ENFORCEMENT, PENALTIES AND FEES**

Enforcement and penalties.

The Fire Chief and any Assistant Chief of the Town of Rock Creek, Township Fire Department, or any Fire Warden appointed by any agency of the State of Wisconsin or the Town or any person authorized by the Town is authorized to enforce the provisions of this ordinance.

The penalty for violation of any portion of this ordinance may be a warning issued for the first violation of this ordinance or a fee of not less than \$100 or more than \$300 plus the cost of prosecution.

**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CALL 715-232-1348 or 911.**

Adopted this 17th day of June, 2025.

Yes   3   No   0   Abstain   0   Absent   0  

TOWN OF ROCK CREEK

Chairman: Rachel Kummer

*Adam Biesterveld*

*Jon Koller*

Supervisor1: Adam Biesterveld

Supervisor2: Jon Koller

Attest: Kelly Boardman, Town Clerk

*Kelly Boardman*