

**ORDINANCE FOR OPEN FIRE BURNING  
TOWN OF ROCK CREEK  
DUNN COUNTY, WISCONSIN  
Revised April 16, 2024**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Ordinance No.** \_\_\_\_\_

**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 which will then notify Township Fire Department.

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

**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.

**SERVICE FEES TO BE CHARGED FOR VIOLATION:**

A warning will be issued for the first violation of this ordinance. A \$100 fee will be charged for each subsequent violation per calendar year.

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