A burn permit is required from the Building Division/Fire Safety for any type of ceremonial fire (bonfire). Commercial land clearing operations also require a permit. Cooking fires and campfires at campsites do not require a burn permit.

**How do I obtain a burn permit?**

The burn site must be inspected by the Building Division/Fire Safety Inspector to determine feasibility and to make sure all required setbacks and proper fire protection equipment is provided. Contact the Building Division at 676-3238 to schedule a site inspection. Burn permits are only issued after the site has been checked and approved by the Building Division/Fire Safety. Bonfire sites must be at least 165 feet from any structure and at least 50 feet from any vegetation.

**Is there a fee for the burn permit?**

YES! A $25.00 per day fee is required for all outdoor fires that require a permit.

**Open burning in dry season**

Open burning during periods of drought or dry conditions may be prohibited. Check with the Building Division/Fire Safety to be sure no burn bans are in effect if you are planning an outdoor fire.
Is my backyard fire legal?

This guide was created to help inform citizens, organizations, and the business community on open burning regulations within the City of Ormond Beach. This guide is not all-inclusive and the Building Division/Fire Safety should be consulted if you have questions about your particular burn site.

Fire Code Requirements

The Florida Fire Prevention Code, Section 10-11 of NFPA, establishes the basic requirements for conducting outdoor burning within the state. Additionally, Chapter 590 of the Florida Statutes (Forest Protection) provides requirements for the various types of open burning. Section 9-2 of The City of Ormond Beach’s Code of Ordinances clarifies what types of open burning are allowed within the City.

What types of Outdoor Fires are allowed?

The following types of open burning are permitted if pre-approved by the Building Safety Division with a permit issued:

- ceremonial fires
- commercial land clearing operations
- prescribed burns conducted by fire control agencies
- when an emergency condition exists within the City that warrants burning.

The following types of open burning do not require pre-approval by the Fire Chief and are permitted if conducted in a safe manner and without nuisance complaints:

- outdoor fireplaces, kilns, ovens or other similarly approved devices
- campfires or outdoor cooking fires that are constantly attended and no larger than 3 feet in diameter with flames no higher than 3 feet
- warming fires conducted at work

Open burning of commercial waste, residential trash, garbage, lawn debris, clippings, trees or other debris on residential, commercial or industrial property is prohibited within the City. (City of Ormond Beach Code of Ordinances Section 9.2)