



OUTDOOR BURNING GUIDELINES

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) regulates burning in Texas. The City of Reno allows outdoor burning in accordance with TCEQ guidelines.

On-site burning of trees, brush, grass, leaves, branch trimmings, or other plant growth, by the owner of the property or any other person authorized by the owner, and when the material is generated only from that property is allowable. No other domestic waste may be burned.

Burning shall be conducted in compliance with the following meteorological and timing considerations:

- The initiation of burning shall commence no earlier than one hour after sunrise.
- Burning shall be completed on the same day not later than one hour before sunset, and shall be attended by a responsible party at all times during the active burn phase when the fire is progressing.
- In cases where residual fires and/or smoldering objects continue to emit smoke after this time, such areas shall be extinguished if the smoke from these areas has the potential to create a nuisance or traffic hazard condition. In no case shall the extent of the burn area be allowed to increase after this time.

Burning shall not be commenced when surface wind speed is predicted to be less than six miles per hour (mph) (five knots) or greater than 23 mph (20 knots) during the burn period.

Burning shall not be conducted during periods of actual or predicted persistent low-level atmospheric temperature inversions.

If at any time the burning causes or may tend to cause smoke to blow onto or across a road or highway, it is the responsibility of the person initiating the burn to post flag-persons on the affected roads.

Electrical insulation, treated lumber, plastics, non-wood construction/demolition materials, heavy oils, asphaltic materials, potentially explosive materials, chemical wastes, and items containing natural or synthetic rubber must not be burned.

Commercial burning is not allowed at anytime for any purpose.

The authority to conduct outdoor burning does not exempt or excuse any person responsible from the consequences, damages, or injuries resulting from the burning and does not exempt or excuse anyone from complying with all other applicable laws or ordinances, regulations, and orders of governmental entities having jurisdiction, even though the burning is otherwise conducted in compliance with TCEQ regulations.

Complete TCEQ Outdoor Burning Rules are available:

<http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/assets/public/legal/rules/rules/pdf/111b.pdf>

The above guidelines are a simplified explanation and complete guidelines should be reviewed before you conduct any outdoor burning.