

ATCHISON FIRE DEPARTMENT

PROCEDURES FOR OPEN BURNING

TIME PERIOD:

Controlled open burning shall be allowed twelve (12) months out of the year, between dawn and dusk.

ITEMS THAT CAN BE BURNED:

The following items may be burned: Yard, field and garden wastes such as grass clippings, leaves, tree trimmings, weeds and wheat, corn, milo and forage stubble may be openly burned throughout the year. Any items that cannot be properly fitted within a descriptive class, shall not be permitted to be burned.

PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN:

Notification shall be made to the Atchison Fire Department before any open burning is undertaken under the provisions herein.

Burning must take place at least forty (40) feet from any building, under close supervision, and between dawn and dusk. In addition, burning shall be restricted to periods when surface wind speed is not more than fifteen (15) miles per hour.

- **Recreational fires.** (I.E. Homemade fire/burn pits)

Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet (7620 mm) of a structure or combustible material. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet (7620 mm) of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

- **Portable outdoor fireplaces.** (I.E. portable fireplace purchased at an outdoor garden center)

Portable outdoor fireplaces shall be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and shall not be operated within 15 feet (3048 mm) of a structure or combustible material.

Attendance.

Open burning, bonfires, recreational fires and use of portable outdoor fireplaces shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher complying with Section 906 with a minimum 4-A rating or other approved on-site fire-extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose or water truck, shall be available for immediate utilization.

The Chief of the Atchison Fire Department shall have the authority to prohibit the burning authorized for a portion of or for the total of this burning period due to drought conditions if he/she deems that such a practice would be extremely hazardous.

The City of Atchison, Code of Ordinances can be found at www.municode.com/library/ks/atchison.com

They can be found, in part, in the map books of the apparatus, miscellaneous section, along with the ticket instructions.