

GUIDELINES FOR RESIDENTIAL BURNING

These guidelines have been developed to assist citizens in complying with City Ordinances regarding burning at your residence. In general, outdoor burning is not allowed unless all of the following guidelines are met:

1. All burning must take place in an approved incinerator. The only incinerator approved by the Fire Chief is a 55-gallon steel drum with a wire mesh cover over the top. The size of the wire mesh should not exceed ½ inch.
2. The material burned must be brush, tree limbs, grass, leaves, lumber, etc. No burning of garbage, any petroleum product, rubber, or plastic is allowed.
3. The incinerator must be located in such a manner that the smoke will not become a nuisance to surrounding buildings or occupants.
4. All burning must be continuously attended and provision must be made to extinguish the fire if necessary (garden hose, etc.).
5. Burning is allowed during daylight hours only.
6. No burning is allowed in a street, alley, on public property, or within the fire limits of the City. The fire limits are between Front Street and Fifth Street from State Line Avenue to Cedar Street.

If these requirements are all met, burning is allowed. However, residents should be aware that you are responsible for any damage caused by your fire if it gets out of control. Also, you should be aware that if any neighbor considers the smoke from your fire to be a nuisance, he or she has the right to file a nuisance complaint against you in Municipal Court. Meeting the requirements listed here does not protect you from such a complaint.

These guidelines based on sections 9-13, 9-14, 9-15, 9-17, 5-6, 12-5, 12-6 and 12-19 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Texarkana, Texas.