

**CONTROLLED BURNS WITHIN THE  
ELBURN & COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

Controlled burns are to follow regulations by the County of Kane or the Villages of Elburn, Lily Lake and Virgil where applicable, and the Guidelines taken from the International Fire Prevention Code, 2003 edition.

**IFC 105.6.31 Open Burning:** An operational permit is required for the kindling or maintaining of open fire or a fire on any public street, alley, road, or other public or private ground. Instructions and stipulations of the permit shall be adhered to.

**Exception:** Recreational fires.

- **IFC 302 Define Recreational Fires:** An outdoor fire burning materials other than rubbish where the fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, barbeque grill or barbeque pit and has a total fuel area of 3 feet (914 mm) or less in diameter and 2 feet (610 mm) or less in height for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth or similar purposes.
- **IFC 302 Define Open Burning:** The burning of materials wherein products of combustion are emitted directly into the ambient air without passing through a stack or chimney from an enclosed chamber. Open burning does not include road flares, smudge pots and similar devices associated with safety or occupational uses typically considered open flames or recreational fires. For the purpose of this definition, a chamber shall be regarded as enclosed when, during the time combustion occurs, only apertures, ducts, stacks, flues or chimneys necessary to provide combustion air and permit the escape of exhaust gas are open.
- **IFC 302 Define Bonfire:** An outdoor fire utilized for ceremonial purposes.

**OPEN BURING AND RECREATIONAL FIRES: IFC SECTION 307**

**IFC 307.1 General:** A person shall not kindle or maintain or authorize to be kindled or maintained any open burning unless conducted and approved in accordance with this section.

**IFC 307.2 Permit Required:** A permit shall be obtained from the fire code official in accordance with Section 105.6 prior to kindling a fire for recognized silvicultural or range or wildlife management practices, prevention or control of disease or pest, or a bonfire. Application for such approval shall only be presented by and permits issued to the owner of the land upon which the fire is to be kindled.

**IFC 307.2.1 Authorization:** Where required by state or local law or regulations, open burning shall only be permitted with prior approval from the state or local air and water quality management authority, provided that all conditions specified in the authorization are followed. (Where the jurisdictional Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) written permission is not applicable, the code official shall give written permission provided that approved fire safety requirements and emission standards will be met.)

**REQUIREMENTS TO BURN ARE AS FOLLOWS WITHIN THE**

**Elburn & Countryside Fire Protection District:**

**IFC 307.2.1 Permit required:** for open burning shall be submitted in writing at least ten days before fire is set and shall be in such form and contain such information as required by the code official. Such applications shall contain, as a minimum, information regarding:

1. The purpose of the proposed burning.
2. The nature and quantities of material to be burned.
3. The date when such burning will take place.
4. The location of the burning site, i.e. map.
5. The on-site fire-extinguishing equipment to be provided.
6. Onsite personnel including contact person.

**IFC 307.2.2 Prohibited Open Burning:** Open burning that will be offensive or objectionable because of smoke or odor emissions when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous shall be prohibited. The fire code official is authorized to order the extinguishment, by the permit holder or the fire department, of any open burning.

- **IFC 2504.1 Open Burning Prohibited in Tire Storage Yards:** Open burning is prohibited in tire storage yards.

**IFC 307.3 Location:** The location for any open burning shall not be less than 50 feet from any structure, and provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading to within 50 feet of any structure.

**Exceptions:**

1. Fires in approved containers shall be permitted, that are not less than 15 feet from any structure.
2. The minimum required distance from a structure shall be 25 feet where the pile size is 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height.

**IFC 307.3.1 Bonfires:** A bonfire shall not be conducted within 50 feet (15,240 mm) of a structure or combustible material unless the fire is contained in a barbecue pit. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 50 feet (15,240 mm) of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

**IFC 307.3.2 Recreational Fires:** Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet (7620 mm) of a structure or combustible material. Conditions which would cause a fire to spread within 25 feet (7620 mm) of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

**IFC 307.4 Attendance:** Any open burning, bonfires or recreational fires shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. A minimum 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.

**KANE COUNTY STANDARD RESTRICTIONS** (These apply to all zip codes)

Unincorporated Areas of the County with these Zip Codes: 60134, 60175 in ECFPD.

- Burning of “Landscape Waste” is prohibited at any time
- Brush may be burned when following the Standard Restrictions below.
- The burning of any materials besides “Brush” is prohibited and punishable.

**KANE COUNTY STANDARD RESTRICTIONS** (These apply to all zip codes)

Unincorporated Areas of the County with these Zip Codes: 60119, 60144, 60142, 60147, 60151  
in ECFPD.

- Burning of dry landscape waste and / or brush ins currently permitted, subject to the Standard Restrictions.
- The burning of any materials besides “Landscape Waste and Brush” is prohibited and punishable.

**STANDARD RESTRICTIONS**

1. Only on the property upon which the dry landscape waste or brush was generated.
2. Only on sunny days from 10:00a.m. to 3:00p.m.
3. Not when exceeds 10 mph.
4. Not during announced inversion conditions or ozone alerts.
5. Notify Elburn & Countryside Fire Protection District the 24hrs. before and the morning of the burn.
6. Supply Elburn & Countryside Fire Protection District with contact names and numbers for the burn site prior to the burn.

**BURNING OF PRAIRIE/WETLANDS FOR ECOLOGICAL MANAGEMENT**

**ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (IEPA)**

**IFC 307.2.1 Authorization:** Open burning shall be permitted with prior notification to the code official and upon receipt of written permission from the jurisdictional Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) authority, provided that any conditions specified in the permission are followed for:

**REQUIRES A PERMIT FROM (IEPA):**

1. Disposal of hazardous or toxic material where the (IEPA) determines that there is no practical alternative method of disposal.
2. Instruction in methods of fire fighting or for research in control of fires, in emergency or other extraordinary circumstances for any purpose determined to be necessary by the (IEPA).
3. Disposal of landscape waste except residential and agricultural waste.
4. Recognized agricultural or horticultural management purposes to maintain or increase the quantity or quality of agricultural production.

The written permit filed with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency must be delivered to the Elburn & Countryside Fire Protection District and on file with the Fire Prevention Bureau at least ten days before the fire is set:

1. Issuance of this permit shall not exempt this open burning from applicable local restrictions.
2. Section 9(a) of the Environmental Protection Act is applicable to open burning, i.e., persons affected by such open burning may lodge complaints with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency if the burning is injurious to human, plant, or animal life, to health, or to property, or unreasonably interferes with the enjoyment of life or property.
3. Burning shall take place only when wind is blowing away from roadways, residences, railroad tracks and populated areas.
4. Prior to each scheduled burn the permittee shall notify residences and businesses that may be affected, of the intended open burning activity.
5. The permittee shall notify and receive prior approval from the local fire protection district at least 24 hours prior to the actual burn.
6. Open burning is prohibited on “Code Red” or “Ozone Action” alert days. Information regarding alert status may be obtained by calling.

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