

Open Burning Regulations

Robins, Iowa

105.05 OPEN BURNING RESTRICTED. Except as otherwise provided in this section, no person shall kindle or maintain any bonfire or rubbish fire or authorize any such fire to be kindled or maintained without first obtaining an Open Burning Permit from the Linn County Health Department which is also signed by the Robins Fire Chief. No permits shall be issued for burning of commercial waste.

1. Permit Exemptions.

A. Within Container. The following material may be burned without a permit provided that such burning is contained within an approved incinerator or burning barrel which has a wire mesh lid to confine burning waste to the container. The wire mesh lid shall not exceed one-half inch ($\frac{1}{2}$ ") clear opening and shall cover the entire opening of the container.

- (1) Leaves raked from the resident's property.
- (2) Sticks and twigs raked from the resident's property.
- (3) Waste papers accumulated by the resident.

B. Other Types. The following types of burning are also exempt from the permit requirement.

- (1) Fires used solely for the cooking out or barbecuing of food. These fires must be no larger than two feet in diameter, and be fueled with clean materials such as wood or charcoal.
- (2) Campfires, burning clean wood material, when in association with camping out or similar related recreational activities, provided that these fires are no larger than three feet in diameter. Burning after dark is permitted, provided the fire is supervised.

2. Burning Restrictions.

A. The Fire Chief may prohibit any bonfire or outdoor rubbish fire if the Fire Chief deems such fires are hazardous to health or welfare.

B. Burning must be conducted during the dates specified on the permit.

- C. Unless otherwise provided, burning is to be conducted during day light hours only.
- D. Fires must be attended at all times during the burning. The attendant should have the burning permit in his or her possession at the time of burning.
- E. Burning must be conducted in a safe and reasonable manner.
- F. Burning is restricted to materials listed on the burning permit.
- G. No combustible material may be brought onto a property from outside the property for the express purpose of burning, except for the use in general home heating or cooking.
- H. Before burning, notification should be given to the Linn County Sheriff's Department.
- I. No burning of any kind is allowed on the public right-of-way.