

Open Burning Rules

1. A Permit is required from LTFR to legally conduct Open Burning within the boundaries of TCESD No. 6.
2. Open burning is prohibited inside the City of Lakeway and Village of The Hills. The City of Bee Cave requires prior approval from TCESD No. 6.
3. Your permit must be activated each day you wish to burn. Prior to any burning, review these burn regulations and then activate your permit at www.ltfrpermits.com or by texting "activate" to 512-872-2243 from the cell phone registered in your account profile (ensure you receive an affirmative response to your text message).
4. Open burning will not be permitted when wind speed is or predicted to be less than six miles per hour (mph) or greater than 15 mph during the burn period.
5. Open burning is not permitted earlier than one hour after sunrise and the fire must be extinguished no later than one hour prior to sunset.
6. Open burning must be constantly attended.
7. A means of extinguishment such as garden hose, dirt, sand, or water barrel shall be immediately available.

Means of extinguishment specified by the applicant:

8. If the fire spreads beyond the limits of the open burn, immediately call 9-1-1 to report a fire.
9. Open burning larger than recreational fires as noted in item 12 below is required to be not less than 50 feet from any structure or combustible material (this includes grass, trees, and brush).
10. Open burning must be 300 feet downwind from any neighboring structure such as a residence, business, barn, or greenhouse. This requirement may be waived only with the prior written approval of whomever owns or rents the adjacent property and either resides or conducts business there. A Fire Inspector may measure this distance. An open burning permit will not be approved until signatures are obtained on LTFR's approved acknowledgment letter.

[Neighbor Acknowledgement Letter](#)

11. Open burning that will be offensive or objectionable due to smoke or odor emissions or when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous shall be prohibited. If the open burning creates or adds to a hazardous or objectionable situation, the code official (Fire Chief or Fire Marshal) is authorized to order the extinguishment by the person in charge or by fire department personnel.

12. Burning (recreational fires), when used solely for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth, or similar purposes are permitted provided the following guidelines are followed: A. No rubbish permitted; B. A clear space of 25 feet from structures and combustible materials; and C. Maximum diameter of three feet and height of two feet.

13. Authorized is onsite 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.

14. Burning of domestic waste—in other words, household trash or rubbish—may be permitted when local trash collection service is not available. To qualify for this provision, the property must be a private residence for no more than three families. The waste must also be burned on the property where it was produced. If burned in an approved container (such as a 55 gallon drum) a minimum distance of 25 feet from any structure shall be maintained.

15. The following items are not permitted to be burned: electrical insulations, treated lumber, plastics, construction or demolition materials not made of wood, heavy oils, asphaltic materials such as shingles and roofing felts, potentially explosive materials, chemical wastes, wire or items containing natural or synthetic rubber.

16. Burn piles on residential lots shall be limited in size to no greater than 5' X 5' in width and 4' in height. A minimum separation distance of 50' is required if there is more than one pile. Burn piles on open land of at least 5 acres are limited to 10' X 10' in width and 5' in height. No more than one pile is to be burned at one time.

17. Commercial land clearing operations that involve open burning operations must be performed on the site where the materials are obtained, In most cases, a trench burner will be required. This in turn will require approval from TCEQ. Call the fire department office at 512-266-2533 prior to commencing operations.

By signing below, I certify that I have read, understood, and will follow all rules listed above. I also understand that county burn bans always supersede an open burning permit and that I must notify the fire department at the beginning of every day on which I will be burning. Any violation of these rules above may result in warnings and or citations. Travis

County ESD No. 6 has the right to revoke any burn permit if any of these violations occur at any time with no reimbursement of permit fees.