

BONFIRE PERMITS OR TEMPORARY BURN PERMITS

Special bonfire permits or temporary burn permits may be granted for specific events or ceremonies. They can be obtained by submitting a written letter to the Fire Marshal 14 days in advance. The letter must include:

- The date and specific time of the bonfire or burn.
- The nature of the event (reason for request).
- A brief description of the bonfire or burn and any precautions that may be taken.
- The name and contact information of who will be in charge of the bonfire or burn.

Approval of the request will be mailed to the applicant or can be picked up at Fire Station #1.

Prior to the bonfire, the applicant must contact the 911 Center at (608) 757-2244 and must call again when the activities are completed. The applicant must have a fire extinguisher available within 100 feet of the fire, provide for adult supervision, contain the fire in an area where it cannot spread and which is at least 50 feet from any combustibles. No accelerants may be used to start the fire. The material to be burned shall not give off large flying embers, excessive smoke, or harmful gases.

Please reference *Janesville General Ordinance Sec. 16-190 Special Outdoor Fire Permits* for more information. •

ARE THERE OTHER BURNING RULES I NEED TO KNOW?

- Prior to conducting any burning on a property by someone other than the property owner, permission shall be obtained from the property owner.
- Requests for prairie burns shall follow applicable City of Janesville General Ordinances.

ARE SKYLANTERNS ALLOWED IN THE CITY OF JANESVILLE?

Janesville General Ordinance Section 16-189 (e) states that the use of sky lanterns or similar devices which carry an open flame into the air are prohibited within City limits.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

If you would like more information about City of Janesville's burning regulations or have any questions, please call the Fire Prevention Bureau at (608) 755-3056. You may also visit our website at <http://www.ci.janesville.wi.us>. •



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City of Janesville BURNING REGULATIONS



*It is the MISSION of the
JANESVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT
to hold the needs of our citizens in the
highest regard, protecting life & property
by providing professional emergency
response with INTEGRITY, RESPECT,
SERVICE, and PRIDE*



 **CITY OF JANESVILLE**
Wisconsin's Park Place

OUTDOOR COOKING & RECREATIONAL FIRES

The City of Janesville Fire Department encourages residents to enjoy outdoor cooking and recreational fires safely. Full details and rules for outdoor fires can be found in Janesville City Ordinance Chapter 16 Article VII - FIRE REGULATIONS.

CAN I INSTALL A CAMPFIRE PIT THAT USES NATURAL OR LP GAS?

Gas-fed outdoor cooking and recreational fires are allowed but must follow the rules in the Fire Regulations ordinance. Some of the rules include:

- All burners, appliances, devices, and equipment must be tested and listed and must be installed and maintained according to the manufacturer's specifications.
- No solid combustible materials (including wood) may be burned in a gas-fed unit.
- A heating permit must be obtained before installing any gas piping.
- If a gas-fed appliance is incorporated into a structure, building, or other improvement, the Uniform Dwelling Code applies.
- Heating and building permits may be obtained by calling the Building Services Division at (608)755-3060.



CAN I ENJOY A CAMPFIRE IN THE CITY LIMITS?

Wood-fired outdoor cooking and recreational fires are allowed only in portable, commercially-manufactured devices intended for such use. No special permit is required.

The following rules apply:

- Device must be used as an entire unit. Lids and screening must be in place while burning.
- Device must be used a minimum of 25 feet from any material that can burn including things like buildings, lumber piles, wood piles, wooden fences, wooden decks, dry grass, or other combustible materials.
- Devices cannot be used if winds or gusts are 20 miles per hour or greater.
- Only clean, dry, natural wood and kindling may be burned. No trash or yard waste can be burned.
- No accelerants may be used to start the fire.
- All outdoor cooking and campfires must be constantly attended by a responsible adult and a garden hose connected to a water supply must be readily available until the fire is completely extinguished.
- All cooking and recreational fire devices shall be maintained in good repair and in a safe condition at all times. •

CAN I INSTALL A BRICK CAMPFIRE PIT?

Masonry fire pits are only allowed if they were built/installed prior to October 27th, 2014, and have a minimum of 24 inches of masonry encircling the fire pit. A screen is not required. All other masonry fire pits are prohibited.

ARE CAMPFIRES ALLOWED IN CITY PARKS

Campfires are allowed within a city park with a permit. For more information regarding permits, please contact the City Recreation Division at (608) 755-3025. •



PLEASE BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR— ENJOY RECREATIONAL FIRE RESPONSIBLY

Outdoor fires shall not create nuisance fire, smoke, or ashes. Citizens may report any such nuisance while it is occurring by calling the non-emergency Rock County Dispatch at (608) 757-2244.

If a police officer, code inspector, Fire Marshal, or other fire department employee or officer determines a nuisance is present, the fire shall be completely extinguished.

The first contact for outdoor fires which are creating a nuisance or are in violation of the burning ordinance will result in a verbal and/or written warning. Subsequent contacts will result in enforcement actions including fines and/or other penalties.