

## **Agriculture purposes:**

Missouri law allows agriculture burning throughout the state. Materials such as tires or used oil may not be used to start the fire or be burned in the fire. Any burning that creates a health hazard, safety hazard, nuisance or produces smoke that impairs visibility for those operating motor vehicles or airplanes is prohibited. Ag burning must be related to growing or harvesting of crops.

## **Land clearing operations:**

As Buchanan County is in the Kansas City Metropolitan Area, a burn permit is required to burn trees, tree limbs and vegetation from land clearing operations. Contact DNR for permit application.



## **Trade wastes or commercial or utility tree trimming operations:**

Renewable burning permits for trade or commercial burning may be obtained by contacting the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Air curtain destructors are often required for this type of burning.

## **Buchanan Chiefs Association Member Organizations:**

Dearborn Area Fire Protection District:  
816-992-8919

Dekalb Fire Protection District:  
816-685-3353

Easton Fire Department:  
816-390-0770

Edgerton-Trimble Fire Protection District:  
816-616-4620

Gower Fire Protection District:  
816-261-1192

Rosecrans Fire and Rescue, 139th Air Lift:  
816-236-3301

San Antonio Fire Department:  
816-667-5838

South Central Buchanan County  
Fire Protection District:  
816-238-4142 or 816-253-1313

Southwest Buchanan County  
Fire Protection District:  
816-688-7801

St. Joseph Fire Department:  
816-271-4623

For permit and other solid waste  
disposal information, contact:

Missouri Department of  
Natural Resources  
1-800-361-4827  
Regional Office:  
1-816-251-0700  
[www.dnr.mo.gov](http://www.dnr.mo.gov)

# **Open Burning Regulations**



**presented by the  
Buchanan Chiefs  
Association**

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Buchanan County is part of the Department of Natural Resources clean air regulations for Kansas City Metropolitan Area.

- Open burning is the burning of any materials in which air contaminants are emitted directly into the air without first passing through a stack or chimney.
- It is against the law to dispose of your waste on someone else's property, or to allow someone else's waste to be disposed of on your property.
- Any waste generated by a business, trade, industry, salvage or demolition operation cannot be burned without a permit issued by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) or its delegated local agency. Permits will only be considered for untreated wood wastes. Wastes that may not be burned include, but are not limited to: tires, rubber products, hazardous materials, styrofoam, plastics, petroleum based products, demolition waste, treated wood and any asbestos containing material.



*If you have any questions about what is allowed or have a material not on this list, please contact Missouri Department of Natural Resources.*

## Allowable Waste Materials

### Construction and demolition wastes:

An open burning permit may be applied for to burn untreated wood only. Asphalt shingles, tar paper or any other waste which would emit toxic smoke while burning is prohibited. Construction and demolition materials may not be hauled to a private or public property and dumped, burned or buried, even with the landowner's permission. Contact Missouri DNR to apply for a permit.



### Household waste:

Burning residential household waste is allowed in agriculture zoned areas ONLY outside the city of St. Joseph or towns listed as: Agency, Dekalb, Rushville, Easton, Faucett, Winthrop, Taos, Wallace and Lewis and Clark. Residential waste is solid waste produced by routine household activities, such as paper waste and garbage from daily activities. This does not include home remodeling wastes, wastes from home businesses, durable goods such as old appliances, carpets or furni-

ture, tires or other non-routine household waste. Materials such as tires or used oil may not be used to start the fires or to be burned in the fires.

### Yard wastes:

Missouri allows open burning of yard wastes from sites provided it originates and is burned on the same premises and with an approved burn permit application from Missouri Department of Natural Resources (\*see exception below regarding the city of St. Joseph). Materials such as tires and oil may not be used to start the fires or be burned in the fire. Yard wastes include trees, tree leaves, brush, or other vegetation. . Contact the Missouri Dept. of Natural Resources to obtain a yard waste burn permit.



**St. Joseph City: open burning of residential yard waste is allowed during a three week period in the spring and three weeks in the fall.**

**ALL YARD WASTE BURNING OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS OF ST. JOSEPH IS REQUIRED TO HAVE A BURN PERMIT FROM MDNR.**