



CHECKLIST FOR SAFE OPEN BURNING

A GENERAL CHECKLIST FOR CONDUCTING A SAFE OPEN BURN:

- Open burning inside the City of Kearney limits is prohibited.
- Get an Open Burn Permit from Fire Station 1 or Fire Station 2 and start the fire early in the day. Burn permits are issued at 8:00 a.m. and fires extinguished at 6:00 p.m.; 8:00 p.m. during Daylight Savings Time.
- Do not burn if forecasted winds are to be over 15 MPH. Winds can pick up hot embers and carrying them outside the controlled area.
- Do not burn if the conditions are extremely dry.
- If you plan to burn, have an emergency plan in case the fire gets out of control.
- Have basic fire fighting tools close at hand such as rakes, shovels, and garden hoses attached to a water supply for putting out small fires. A tractor with discs, plows, and large sprayers for large fires.
- Make a fire line 3 to 10 feet around the burn pile to expose bare soil.
- Locate the burn pile well away from buildings and other areas you do not want to burn.
- Keep the size of the pile reasonably small to allow enough time throughout the day for the pile to burn down.
- Have plenty of help to watch hot embers coming off the burning pile and ensure spot fires do not start in areas outside away the burn area.
- Be a good neighbor. Let your neighbors know of your intent to burn so they are not unnecessarily alarmed. Look out for their property as well.

Most importantly **BE ALERT.**

- **NEVER** leave your fire unattended. Small controlled fires turn into BIG uncontrolled fires fast.
- If the fire appears to be getting out of control, CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY!

For more information please contact the Kearney Volunteer Fire Department at (308) 233-3226.