

Burning News

Waupaca and Waushara Counties in partnership with the Wisconsin DNR

TIPS for Responsible Burning

- CHECK BURN RESTRICTIONS DAILY
- By Phone: 1-888-WISBURN (947-2876)
- Online: www.dnr.wi.gov, keyword "fire"

Only You
Can
Prevent
Wildfires



What do I do once I obtain a burn permit?

- ✓ **Check** the restrictions after 9 AM for the day you intend to burn, either:
 - Online: www.dnr.wi.gov, keyword "fire"
 - Call 1-888-WISBURN (947-2876) and enter the code for the county where you intend to burn:
 - Adams - 01 ■ Green Lake - 24 ■ Marquette - 39 ■ Portage - 50
 - Shawano - 59 ■ Waupaca - 69 ■ Waushara - 70
- ✓ **Follow** the restrictions for the day.
- ✓ **Notify** the Waupaca County Sheriff's Department at 715-258-4466 or Waushara County Sheriff's Department at 920-787-3321 for brush piles larger than 6'x6'x6' and broadcast burns greater than 10 acres in size. This type of burn requires a 'Special Burn Permit' (see sidebar).
- ✓ Have **tools and water** available to extinguish your fire.
- ✓ Make sure your fire is **completely out** and cold to the touch before leaving.

Outdoor Burning Laws for Waupaca and Waushara

- **Burning permits (including special permits) are required January 1 thru May 31** when the ground is not completely snow-covered. This applies to areas outside of incorporated cities and villages. **For burning restrictions within city and village limits, contact local officials.**
- **Annual burning permits** are valid for the entire calendar year, but require daily authorization. Permits can be obtained over the phone, online, or from Emergency Fire Wardens.
- **A special burning permit** must be obtained from a DNR office for brush piles larger than 6'x6'x6' and for broadcast burns greater than 10 acres in size.
- **Burning is restricted** to pine needles, leaves, grass, brush, unpainted/untreated wood, and confidential papers. Restrictions apply all year. **Businesses are prohibited from any outdoor open burning.**
- **Campfires for warming or cooking purposes** do not require a burning permit and are allowed anytime except during Emergency Burning Restrictions.
- **Your fire must be attended at all times** until completely extinguished and cold to the touch. Failure to extinguish is a crime and may result in a \$500 fine and/or 30 days in jail. Should your fire escape, you can be held liable for all suppression costs and damages.



Protect Your Home From Wildfires

Simple steps landowners should take to make their home safer from wildfire:

1



Remove pine needles, leaves and branches off roofs and out of rain gutters.

2



Remove tree branches that overhang the roof.

3



Clean areas that tend to be natural traps for debris (decks, window wells, around foundation).

4



Remove flammable materials within the first 3 to 5 feet of house perimeter.

5



Remove branches of evergreen trees up to a height of 6-10 feet.

6



Move firewood and other flammables, 30 feet away from buildings.

7



Create a 10 foot clearance around your propane tank.

8



Remove dead branches, trees and shrubs within 100 feet of structures.

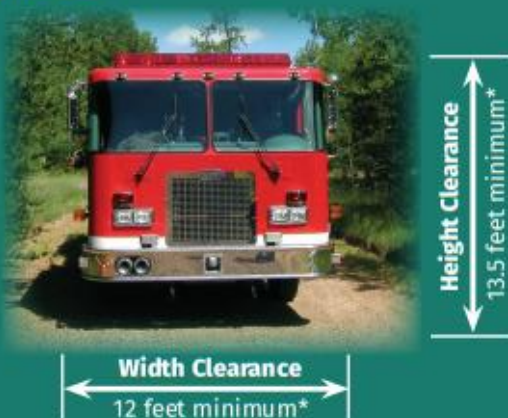
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Keep lawn clean and green.
Rake 30 feet around buildings.

10

Ensure your driveway has adequate height and width clearance to allow emergency vehicle access.



WEATHER to Burn or Not to Burn

Windy? Avoid Burning

Weather is the single most important factor influencing how wildfires escape control. Temperature, wind, humidity and precipitation are the key weather components that determine the daily fire danger.

Warm, windy weather in spring creates conditions prime for wildfires. The possibility increases when people apply fire to the landscape by burning leaves, brush, and debris on the ground or in barrels. Improper or unsafe debris burning is the leading cause of wildfires in Wisconsin. Nearly 500 fires each year are caused by debris burning. Most people who burn debris never intend for their fire to spread and cause damage. In most cases, when a fire escapes, the person responsible was burning outside local restrictions.

Get the facts:

- 🔥 **Spring is wildfire season.** In Wisconsin, most wildfires occur in April and May, after the snow is gone and before plants have greened up.
- 🔥 **Warmer temperatures,** lower humidity, and windy days increase wildfire danger.
- 🔥 **Debris burning** is the number one cause of wildfires in Wisconsin.
- 🔥 **The average cost** of fighting a wildfire in Wisconsin is nearly \$1,000 depending on the suppression resources used.
- 🔥 **Wildfires can occur any time** of the year when the ground is not snow-covered.



Campfires vs. Debris Fires

If you are burning in a campfire ring or fire pit with the intent to eliminate debris, a DNR burning permit is required. However, small fires for warming or cooking purposes do not require a DNR burning permit and are allowed anytime of the day, except during Emergency Burning Restrictions.



Cooking/Warming Fire
Burning Permit
Not Required

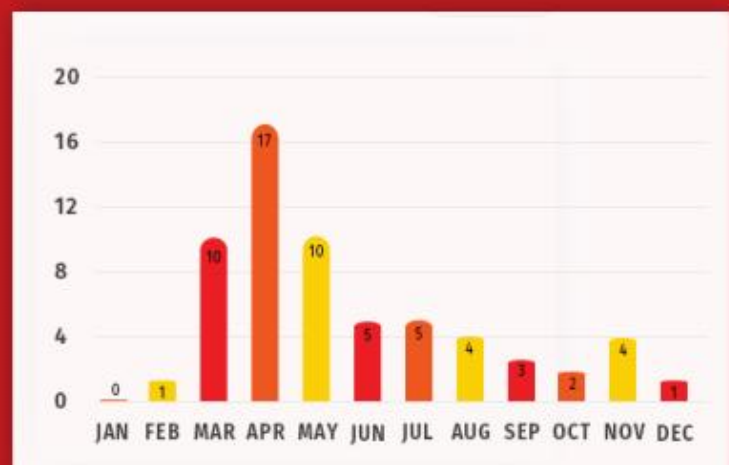


Debris Fire
Burning Permit
Required

SAFETY TIP: Even campfires can cause a wildfire. Be aware of the daily fire danger by checking online at dnr.wi.gov, search "fire" or by calling the hotline at 1-888-WIS-BURN (947-2876) before conducting any burn in the outdoors.

Occurrence of Wildfires

This chart indicates why burning permits are required January through May when the ground is not snow covered. In Waupaca and Waushara counties, most wildfires occur in March, April, and May, after the snow has gone and before plants have greened up. Wildfire danger also increases with warmer temperatures, lower humidity, drought and increased wind.



Wildfire Occurrence in Waupaca and Waushara Counties, 10-year average.

WAUPACA COUNTY

OPEN BURNING & RECYCLING INFORMATION

Waupaca County Recycling Ordinance

Regulations regarding RESIDENTIAL open burning:

- **Allows** for the burning of leaves, grass, brush, unpainted & untreated solid wood, and small amounts of confidential papers
- **Prohibits** the burning of recyclables, garbage, waste materials, and any other debris
- **Requires** compliance with all local laws, ordinances, and other regulations, including obtaining all applicable burning permits
- **Mandates** the recycling of cardboard, container board, newspaper, magazines, junk mail, plastic bottles/containers, steel cans, aluminum cans, glass bottles/jars, yard waste, motor oil, oil filters, vehicle batteries, tires, appliances, and electronics

Regulations regarding BUSINESS/COMMERCIAL open burning (including farming operations):

- **Prohibits** the burning of any item as a means of disposal, unless licensed by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for energy recovery
- **Mandates** the recycling of cardboard, container board, newspaper, magazines, office paper, plastic bottles/containers, steel cans, aluminum cans, glass bottles/jars, yard waste, motor oil, oil filters, vehicle batteries, tires, appliances, and electronics



Recycling & Garbage Disposal Options

1. Area Recycling Centers & Municipal Curbside Programs: (see side panel on back for listing)

2. Waupaca County Processing & Transfer Facility (PTF):

- Accepts all recyclable items, including appliances and electronics (fees may apply)
- Accepts garbage, construction/demolition debris, and special waste items (fee)
- Visit www.waupacacountyrecycling.com or call 715-258-6240 for a brochure

3. Curbside Service Providers

- GFL Environmental, Inc. (New London)
920-982-4116
- Harter's Fox Valley Disposal (Wittenberg)
715-446-5400
- Waste Management (Mosinee)
(866) 650-5288

4. 'Pay-per-Bag' Disposal Programs for Garbage

- Clintonville Area Waste Service (open to Clintonville, T. Larrabee, T. Matteson residents)
\$4 per 35-gal clear bag; tag required; 30lb maximum
- Iola Area Recycling Center (open to V. Scandinavia, T. Harrison, T. Helvetia, T. Iola, T. Scandinavia)
\$4 per 35-gal clear bag; tag required; 30lb maximum
- Manawa Area Recycling Center (open to C. Manawa, V. Ogdensburg, T. Lebanon, T. Little Wolf, T. Royalton, T. St. Lawrence)
\$4.50 per 35-gal clear bag; tag required; 30lb maximum
- Waupaca Regional Recycling & Composting Center (open to C. Waupaca, T. Dayton, T. Farmington, T. Lind, T. Waupaca)
\$5 per 35-gal clear bag; tag required; 30lb maximum
- Visit waupacacountyrecycling.com or call 715-258-6240 for additional/updated information



Waupaca County Solid Waste & Recycling Department
www.waupacacountyrecycling.com or 715-258-6240

Area Recycling Centers

Waupaca Regional

608 Lakeside Parkway
 • Mon. 2 pm - 6 pm
 • Fri. (4/1-11/30) 8 am - 12 pm
 • Sat. 8 am - 12 pm

Iola Area

405 W. State Street
 • Thur. (10/1-3/31) 2 pm - 4 pm
 • Thur. (4/1-9/31) 2 pm - 5 pm
 • Sat. 9 am - 1 pm

Manawa Area

1305 Industrial Drive
 • Thur. (4/1-9/30) 3 pm - 6 pm
 • Thur. (10/1-3/31) 2 pm - 5 pm
 • Sat. 8 am - 1 pm

Clintonville Area

300 Beacon Avenue
 • Fri. (4/1-10/31) 8 am - 3 pm
 • Sat. 8 am - 3 pm

Marion Area

615 Sherman Street
 • Mon.-Fri. 7 am - 3:30 pm
 (waste oil, vehicle batteries,
 oil filters, yard waste ONLY)

Waupaca County Processing & Transfer (PTF)

E4981 Swan Road, Manawa
 • Mon.-Fri. 7 am - 3 pm
 • Sat. (3/1-10/31) 7 am - 12 pm
 • Sat. (11/1-2/28) 1st Sat. of month



Recycling Preparation Guidelines

- **Recycling Centers:**
Separate RECYCLABLES as indicated in the table below.
- **Municipal Curbside:**
Single-stream collection. Recycling all goes in the same bin, separate from garbage

Municipal curbside collection program

Municipality	Collection Hauler	Recycling	Garbage
Bear Creek	GFL Environmental Inc.	1st, 3rd Fri. 6 am	Wed. 6 am
Caledonia	GFL Environmental Inc.	1st, 3rd Wed. 7 am	Thur. 7 am
Dupont	GFL Environmental Inc.	Every other Mon. 7 am	Mon. 7 am
Farmington	Harter's Fox Valley Disposal farmingtonwaup.gov/refuse-recycling-services/ or call 715-258-2779 for details		
Fremont (T)	Harter's Fox Valley Disposal	Every other Fri. 6 am	Fri. 6 am
Union	GFL Environmental Inc.	3rd Thur. 7 am	Thur. 7 am
Waupaca (T)	GFL Environmental Inc.	Every other Fri. 6 am	Fri. 6 am
Weyauwega	GFL Environmental Inc.	1st Thur. 7 am	Thur. 7 am
Big Falls	Harter's Fox Valley Disposal	Every other Fri.	Every other Fri.
Embarrass	Harter's Fox Valley Disposal	Every other Mon.	Mon. 6 am
Iola	Harter's Fox Valley Disposal	Mon. 6 am	Mon. 6 am
Fremont (V)	GFL Environmental Inc.	1st, 3rd Mon	Mon. 7 am
Clintonville	Harter's Fox Valley Disposal	Every other Mon./Tue. 6 am	West side Mon. 6 am East side Tues. 6 am
Marion	Harter's Fox Valley Disposal	Wed. 6 am	Mon. 6 am
Waupaca (C)	GFL Environmental Inc. cityofwaupaca.org/resident-services/garbage/ or call 715-258-4422		

ALUMINUM CANS	✓ Rinse; (only flatten if bringing to a drop-off)
STEEL CANS	✓ Rinse; (only flatten if bringing to a drop-off)
PLASTIC BOTTLES & CONTAINERS	✓ Rinse; remove and discard all caps ✓ Soda, water, milk, juice bottles, deli containers & tubs ✓ Dairy tubs, containers & lids (yogurt, cottage cheese, sour cream, etc.) ✓ NO motor oil bottles, bags, toys, laundry baskets, plant pots
GLASS BOTTLES & JARS (Food and beverage ONLY)	✓ Rinse; remove and discard all caps and lids ✓ NO cups, ceramics, windows, vases, cookware, lightbulbs
NEWSPAPERS, MIXED PAPER, CARDBOARD	✓ Newspaper, colored inserts, magazines, junk mail ✓ Cereal boxes, tissue boxes, cardboard, phonebooks ✓ Flatten cardboard to 3x3 ft. size ✓ NO paper napkins, cups, plates, cartons or paper contaminated with food
MOTOR OIL, FILTERS, VEHICLE BATTERIES	✓ Waupaca, Manawa, Marion, Clintonville, PTF (fees may apply)
LEAVES, GRASS, BRUSH	✓ Waupaca, Marion, Clintonville, PTF (fees may apply)
TIRES	✓ Waupaca, Clintonville, PTF (fees apply)
OTHER ITEMS: Appliances, Electronics, Fluorescents, Garbage, Construction/Demolition Debris, Antifreeze, Hazardous Waste (by appt.)	ACCEPTED AT: Waupaca County PTF E4981 Swan Rd., Manawa WI 715-258-6249 (fees may apply)
GENERAL INFORMATION	Waupaca County Solid Waste & Recycling Department 715-258-6240 or www.waupacacountyrecycling.com

Responsible Burning

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Alternatives to Burning

- ▶ **COMPOST** - Mulch or collect leaves and plant clippings for composting or move brush piles in the woods for wildlife habitat.
- ▶ **CHIP** - Collect brush and clean wood to make mulch or decorative chips, or use as heating fuel in fireplaces.
- ▶ **WAIT** - Avoid burning in the spring. The safest time to burn is when the ground is completely snow-covered. Throw a tarp over legal materials to keep them dry and wait until it snows.



General Information - Waupaca

WI DNR Forestry Office

Hartman Creek State Park

N2480 Hartman Creek Road, Waupaca WI 54981

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Waste Disposal Information - Waupaca

Solid Waste & Recycling Department

Waupaca County Courthouse

811 Harding Street, Waupaca WI 54981

715-258-6240

www.waupacacountyrecycling.com

Equal Opportunity Provider

General Information - Waushara

WI DNR

427 E Tower Drive, Suite 100, Wautoma, WI 54982

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Waste Disposal Information - Waushara

Highway & Solid Waste Department

403 Ruth's Way

Wautoma, WI 54982

920-787-3327

www.co.waushara.wi.us

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General Information - WDNR

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

DNR Helpline:

1-888-WDNRINFO

(1-888-936-7463)

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