



**Application for Burning Permit**

Village of Gays Mills  
16381 State Hwy 131  
Gays Mills, WI 54631

Application

Licensing Year

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Conditions of Permit

Applicant acknowledges that they received a copy of the Village of Gays Mills Ordinance pertaining to Open Burning, Ordinance # 5-2-9, and agrees to abide by the conditions set forth in the Ordinance.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

Material to be Burned: \_\_\_\_\_

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Burning Guidelines:

- Burn when the wind is gentle.
- Have fire suppression tools and water on the site before starting the fire.
- A non-combustible fire break of 5 feet should surround the material to be burned.
- Fire must be attended at all times and be totally extinguished when you leave.

Restrictions:

The Administrative Rules of the State of Wisconsin prohibit anyone from burning the following materials:

- Wet combustible materials like wet paper or cardboard.
- Oily substances such as greasy rags, fuel filters.
- Asphalt materials such as asphalt shingles.
- Plastics of any kind.
- Treated or painted wood.

Application Approved by \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Approval \_\_\_\_\_

**SEC. 5-2-9 OPEN BURNING.**

- (a) **Open Burning Prohibited.** No person, firm or corporation shall build any outdoor fire within the corporate limits of the Village of Gays Mills excepting as set forth below in this Section. This prohibition on burning includes burning of construction waste and debris at construction sites and the use of burning barrels. Outdoor burning is prohibited notwithstanding the exceptions in this Section when local circumstances make fires potentially hazardous, which local circumstances include, but are not limited to, thermal inversions, wind, ozone alerts, and very dry conditions.
- (b) **Exceptions.**
  - (1) Outdoor cooking over a fire contained in a device or structure designed for such use is permissible;
  - (2) Recreational burning pits not exceeding four (4) feet in diameter and not located less than twenty-five (25) feet from any structure (the burning of clean wood only is permitted and the use of burning pits to burn refuse is prohibited);
  - (3) Controlled burning of grass or similar vegetation for land clearing, with the prior written approval of the Director of Public Works, or his designee, may be permitted;
  - (4) Ceremonial fires or bonfires, with prior written approval of the Director of Public Works, or his/her designee, may be permitted.
  - (5) Other occasions of desirable outdoor burning not specified by this Subsection, but not as an alternative to refuse removal or disposal of which other methods are available, with the prior written approval of the Director of Public Works, or his designee, may be permitted.
  - (6) Open burning when a permit is issued.
  - (7) Burning relating to Fire Department training or similar purposes.

**Open Burning Regulations.** The following regulations shall be applicable when an open burning permit has been issued:

- (1) All open burning conducted pursuant to a permit shall be performed in a safe, pollution-free manner, when wind and weather conditions are such as to minimize adverse affects, and in conformance with local and state fire protection regulation. Open burning permits shall not be used to covertly burn plastic, construction debris or other prohibited materials.
- (2) The size of the pile of material to be burned shall not exceed four (4) feet in any direction measured horizontally, or three (3) feet measured vertically.
- (3) The pile of material being burned shall be at least fifty (50) feet away from any structure, wood or lumber pile, wooden fence, trees, or bushes. Provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading to within fifty (50) feet of such items or the fire shall otherwise be contained in an approved incinerator or burner device which is located at least fifteen (15) feet away from any structure, wood or lumber pile, wooden fence, trees, or bush(es).
- (4) Any ashes created by burning such material as is lawful under this Section are to be disposed of in a manner authorized by law.
- (5) Open burning shall be constantly attended and supervised by a competent person of at least sixteen (16) years of age until such fire is extinguished. This person shall have readily available for use such fire extinguishing equipment as may be necessary for the total control of the fire while burning and/or extinguishing such fire.
- (6) No materials may be burned upon any street, curb, gutter, or sidewalk.
- (7) Permits shall not be issued for burning barrels.