

PERU FIRE DEPARTMENT
OPEN BURNING PERMIT GUIDELINES

A burning permit may be obtained by contacting Chief Brent Lottman by emailing peruvfd@gmail.com, calling the Sheriff's office during weekday days, or by calling his home phone (402) 872-6115 evenings and weekends (leave a message if not answer). Please plan ahead and don't wait until ready to burn to seek a permit.

A burning permit is required by law for any open fire. A burning permit is necessary because it is the law, but additionally, it keeps Peru Fire Department and Nemaha County Dispatch informed of the locations of burns. This gives them notice of where burns are taking place which helps them plan for a possible fire out of control. You may be assessed a fine of up to \$500.00 if you choose to burn without a permit.

You will need: your name, phone number, burn location, the person supervising the burn, a description of the material to be burned (brush, leave, etc), as well as the date and time of the burn. A burn permit will be issued up to 24 hours prior to the burn, but no earlier.

Here are some of the provisions governing open burning which are in accordance with Nebraska State Statute 81-521.01 and the rules of the Peru Fire Department.

- There will be no burning permits issued when the wind exceeds or is predicted to exceed 14 mph or any conditions exist which may cause a hazardous situation.
- The property owner or his/her authorized representative accepts all financial responsibility for any costs incurred if the fire becomes out of control
- The property owner or his/her authorized representative must keep the burning permit or the electronic version (if electronically issued) on his/her person at all times while burning.
- The fire must be attended to at all times with sufficient means at hand to control the burning until the fire has completely burned out.
- An area sufficient to prevent the spread of the fire beyond the burning site must be cleared before burning.
- An authorized officer or firefighter of the Fire Department may conduct on-site inspections at any time.
- Failure to follow these provisions governing the burning may lead to the revocation of this permit.
- When a ban on burning is put into effect by the Fire Chief or his/her designee, this permit will automatically be revoked until the such ban is removed.
- Air quality regulations may necessitate an additional permit from the Department of Environment and Energy. (402) 471-2186.