



**BURN PERMIT  
SYSTEM**

## General Burn Permit System Policies

Osage Nation has adopted this burn permit system.

### **Where is an Osage Nation burn permit needed?**

An Osage Nation Burn Permit is needed on lands held in Trust or Restricted Status by the United States of America and under the jurisdiction of the Osage Nation.

### **Is an Osage Nation Burn Permit needed for a prescribed burn or broadcast burn?**

The Osage Nation Department of Wildland Fire Management recognizes that prescribed burning is an effective land management tool that can help landowners accomplish a variety of objectives. There are also risks and liabilities associated with burning so it must be used with appropriate caution and notification. Such burning must be done under an approved fire plan and conducted with qualified personnel.

### **What types of fires require a permit?**

**Prescribed Burning** – the preplanned and controlled application of fire to existing, naturally occurring fuels, under specified environmental conditions; following appropriate precautionary measures, which allows the fire to be confined to a predetermined area and accomplishes the planned land management objectives. Additionally, these burns **require a permit**.

**Domestic Debris Burning** – Fires set for the purpose of burning limbs, storm debris trees, leaves and grass in the immediate vicinity of a dwelling, not to exceed 300 ft. from the dwelling **require a permit**.

**Recreational Fires** – Fires set for recreational purposes, such as campfires, cooking and warming fires **do not** require a permit. Exceptions to this are bonfires. This blanket exemption may be suspended by the Program Director during periods of extreme fire danger requiring a ban on burning.

**Bonfires** – Fires set for recreational purposes (*excluding those set for cultural or ceremonial purposes*) that are larger than 4 ft in diameter are considered bonfires and **require a permit**.

**Cultural and Ceremonial Fires** – Fires set for cultural or ceremonial purposes **do not** require a permit. This blanket exemption may be suspended by the Program Director during periods of extreme fire danger requiring a ban on burning.

### **Who may obtain an Osage Nation Burn Permit?**

Open burning permission is only available to the landowner and/or the Landowner's designee. Lessees may also be permitted to burn materials covered under this process.

### **How can an Osage Nation Burn Permit be Obtained?**

An individual or organization requesting to conduct an open burn must fill out an application for permission to burn from the Osage Nation – Fire Management Office located in Pawhuska. The initial application for a burn permit must be made in person and provide the appropriate identification and documentation establishing their authority to burn on the property. Future requests for open burning may be requested by telephone. The individual requesting permission for open burning must also provide information pertaining to the location, size and materials to be burned. Once obtained the permit will be good for the calendar year in which it was issued.

**No permit may be issued for burning of household waste, automobile tires or any other materials posing a threat to public safety and health will be allowed at any time.**

The Fire Management Office of the Osage Nation must be contacted before each burning conducted under the permit. This permit system applies to ALL lands under this jurisdiction regardless if leased or not. The landowner/lessee may designate a third party to conduct the burn but this does not relieve the landowner/lessee of the responsibilities and liabilities associated with the burn.

### **Contact Numbers**

*Fire Prevention Specialist:* Ross Shimonek Office (918) 287-9767 Cell (918) 604-1025

*Fire Management Officer:* Ross Walker Office (918) 287-9767 Cell (918) 855-7996

## **What are the basic requirements for a burn permit?**

**Safety Considerations:** Landowner/Lessee or designee's responsibilities related to safety are: (1) Identify sensitive places around and downwind of the area you plan to burn and manage your smoke to avoid causing problems downwind from the burn. Errant smoke can impact your neighbors and local communities, close airports or roadways and create significant safety hazards. (2) Construct containment lines or a safety zone around the area to be burned to separate the materials being burned from other ignitable fuels. (3) Provide an adequate amount of equipment and personnel in order to manage the fire and handle emergencies. (4) To observe and monitor the fire until it is out.

**Notification Requirements:** The person responsible for conducting the burn must notify the fire department responsible for responding to the property where the burn is located and the Osage Nation - Fire Management Office at least 30 minutes prior to conducting the burn.

**Weather Considerations:** It is the landowner/lessee or designee's responsibility to obtain a weather forecast from a reliable source, such as the National Weather Service, for the 36-hour period beginning with ignition. This forecast must include, at a minimum, predicted wind speed and direction, temperature, relative humidity, time of next major wind shift and stability of the atmosphere. (Available from the National Weather Service on the Internet at: [http:// www.srh.noaa.gov/tsa/fireweather.html/](http://www.srh.noaa.gov/tsa/fireweather.html/))

### ***No burning may be authorized under this permit system when:***

- Sustained winds measured at the 20ft level are forecasted above 15 mph or gusts of over 5 mph above the sustained winds that are forecasted.
- When wind shifts or frontal passages are forecasted within 12 hours of ignition.
- Relative humidity is forecasted below 20%
- Air temperature is forecasted over 100°F
- A fire weather watch (issued by National Weather Service), Red Flag Warning (issued by National Weather Service), or a Burn Ban (State Mandate) has been issued for the location of the burn.

**Equipment/Crew Needs:** Landowner/Lessee or designee has the responsibility to provide an adequate amount of people and equipment to maintain control of the fire once it is set.

## **How may this permit be revoked?**

**Revocation:** The Osage Nation reserves the right to revoke this permit at any time based upon any of the following:

- Failure to follow the stipulated conditions of the permit.
- An unforeseen change in the weather conditions.
- Excessive wildfire occurrence in the vicinity of the burn.
- Complaints of hazardous smoke or nuisance smoke created by the burn.

**Indemnification:** The Landowner /Lessee or designee shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Osage Nation and their employees from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses relating to, arising out of, resulting from, or alleged to have resulted out of any open burning activity conducted pursuant to this Burn Permit.

Adopted by: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  
Fire Management Officer Title Date



BURNING PERMIT APPLICATION

Permit No. \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ranch Name (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Description of area where burn will occur: \_\_\_\_\_  
Approximate size of burn: \_\_\_\_\_  
Written description of location: \_\_\_\_\_  
Latitude: \_\_\_\_\_ Longitude: \_\_\_\_\_  
Projected time frame: \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of Burn:  
 Domestic Yard Debris       Prescribed Burn       Bonfire

Rural Fire Departments Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rural Fire Departments Contact Info: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rural Fire Departments Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Adjoining landowners: \_\_\_\_\_  
Adjoining landowners Contact Info: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_