



## NEWS RELEASE

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**SUBJECT:** DNR Burning Permits are Required  
*Waushara County*

### WAUTOMA, Wis. –

The warm weather and lack of snow are making this winter a memorable one. Many have yet to shovel or plow the driveway even once. The true warmth of spring is still a few months off but one sure sign of spring is here, the need for DNR burning permits.

Burning permits are required from January 1<sup>st</sup> until May 31<sup>st</sup>, unless the ground is completely snow covered. Burning permits are required in Waushara County outside of incorporated cities and villages. Burning hours are from **6:00 p.m. to 12 midnight**, because this is when temperatures drop, winds usually calm down and the relative humidity rises. This is the safest time of day to burn. People who burn during the day are breaking the law and can be fined up to \$175.30. Anyone allowing their fire to escape to become a wildfire is responsible for all of the suppression costs and liable for any damages their fire causes.

People who want to burn anything outdoors must take on the responsibility of checking the burning restrictions every time they want to start their fire. The permit is issued to the individual with their permanent address and phone number written on the permit and is valid for the calendar year wherever DNR burning laws apply. The permit is good for piled brush/leaves, burn barrels and broadcast burning.

When you want to burn you will have to call the Burning Permit Hotline at 1-(888) 947-2876 or check the DNR website at [dnr.wi.gov/forestry/fire](http://dnr.wi.gov/forestry/fire), click on “View Burning Permit Restrictions” after 11:00 am the day you want to burn. It is your responsibility to know where you are and the burning laws that apply at your location.

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Burning permits help prevent some wildfires but there are many other causes for these fires. Campfires, driving in tall grass, using a cutting torch or even dumping ashes from the wood stove could all cause a wildfire. Everyone needs to be careful when burning or cooking outdoors. A wildfire could be as close as the next match you strike to light your grill, burn a brush pile or light paper in a barrel. Where can burn permits be found?

- 1). Local Emergency Fire Wardens are businesses and individuals located throughout the county that issue burning permits.
- 2). Permits can also be obtained by calling the DNR customer service number, (888) 936-7463.
- 3). Online at [www.dnr.wi.gov/wisburn](http://www.dnr.wi.gov/wisburn) and click on the *annual burning permit* link to have a permit mailed to you.

The burning permit is free so there is no reason not to get one and follow the permit restrictions. Contact the DNR call center at 1 (888) 936-7463 if you have additional questions about burning or the alternatives to burning. Following is a list of Emergency Fire Wardens (EFW) throughout Waushara County:

\*Town of Aurora: Adell Jewel (Ag Services of Wisconsin); Eleanor Lindow (Arrow Service, Berlin)

\*Town of Bloomfield: Lynn Cumuze (Knot Anchor Inn); Duane Hudziak & Sue Fritch

\*Town of Coloma: Jerry Adams (Coloma Liquor)

\*Town of Dakota: Denise Blader (Blader's Dakota Inn); Brad & Shelly Skupas (Skupe's Corner Store)

\*Town of Deerfield: Tim Pagelow

\*Town of Hancock: Sue Smiley (Hancock Mini-Mart); Joel Aanensen

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\*Town of Leon: Dale Hemple; Jane Engel

\*Town of Marion: Al Rolerat

\*Town of Mt. Morris: Sheila Mathwig (Hideaway Bar & Grill)

\*Town of Oasis: Dorothy Wester

\*Town of Plainfield: Tom Hedglin (Area Wide Wrecker Service); Stuart Clark (Clark's True Value Hardware)

\*Town of Poy Sippi: Barb Madell (Madell's Lanes)

\*Town of Richford: Bill & Karen Crawford, Annabelle Fenske

\*Town of Rose: Dana Lesniak (Larsen Coop.); Mark Nowak (Heffron Tavern)

\*Town of Saxeville: Aaron Bartel

\*Town of Springwater: Kris Paulsen (Oakwood Campsites), Brian Glatz (B&B Powersports )

\*Town of Warren: George Piechowski; John Piechowski

\*Town of Wautoma: Wade Pennau (Wautoma Rental); Dale & Dawn Fadrow (Shooter's Choice Archery)

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