

**CHAPTER 285: REGULATION ON OPEN BURNING****SECTION 285.010: APPLICABILITY**

The regulations contained in this chapter apply to all property located within the corporate limits of the City of Raymore.

**SECTION 285.020: DEFINITIONS**

*AIR CURTAIN INCINERATOR*: A device that operates by forcefully projecting a curtain of air across an open chamber or open pit in which combustion occurs.

*HOUSEHOLD WASTE*: Garbage, trash, and other discarded materials that are generated from residential activities in a household.

*OPEN BURNING*: The burning of materials where the products of combustion are emitted into the open air without passing through a chimney or stack.

*SALVAGE OPERATION*: Any business, trade, industry, or other activity conducted in whole or in part for the purpose of salvaging or reclaiming any product or material.

*TRADE WASTE*: Waste materials from any business, institution or industry.

*UNTREATED WOOD*: Wood that has not been chemically preserved, painted, stained, or composited. Untreated wood does not include plywood, particleboard, chipboard, and wood with other than minimal quantities of paint, coating, or finish.

*VEGETATIVE WASTE*: Tree trunks, tree limbs, tree trimmings, vegetation, and yard waste.

**SECTION 285.030: GENERAL PROVISIONS**

- A. Open burning that causes or constitutes a public health hazard, a hazard to vehicular or air traffic, is composed of material listed in Section 285.040, or violates any other rule or statute of the State of Missouri, is not allowed unless specified otherwise.
- B. The existence of a public health hazard is to be determined by the Chief of the South Metropolitan Fire Protection District, or their designee.
- C. All open burning shall be done in compliance with the Missouri Code of State Regulations.

**SECTION 285.040: PROHIBITION OF MATERIALS TO BE BURNED**

The following materials must not be disposed of by open burning:

1. Petroleum-based materials, including but not limited to tires, asphalt roofing material, carpet and used oils;
2. Asbestos containing materials;

3. Trade waste, except untreated wood;
4. Construction or demolition waste, except untreated wood;
5. Salvage operation waste;
6. Household waste; or
7. Durable goods.

#### **SECTION 285.050: OPEN BURNING OF VEGETATIVE WASTE ALLOWED**

Open burning of vegetative waste and untreated wood is allowed under the following conditions:

1. Only vegetative waste and untreated wood may be open burned;
2. Burning is to take place only between sunrise and sunset;
3. Burning is to occur at least two hundred (200) yards from the nearest structure not owned by the party conducting the burning, unless an air-incinerator is used and:
  - a. Waivers are obtained from the owner or occupant of the structure; and
  - b. Approval is granted by the South Metropolitan Fire Protection District.
4. Burning is to be supervised at all times; and
5. A permit shall be obtained from the South Metropolitan Fire Protection District prior to initiation of any open burning.

#### **SECTION 285.060: LAND CLEARING**

Open burning of vegetative waste from land clearing operations is allowed under the following conditions:

1. Burning is to occur at least two hundred (200) yards from the nearest occupied structure;
2. Burning of more than eighty (80) cubic yards of vegetative waste or untreated wood must use an Air-Curtain Incinerator;
3. Air-Curtain Incinerator operations must take place at least fifty (50) yards from any occupied structure; and
4. A permit shall be obtained from the South Metropolitan Fire Protection District prior to initiation of any open burning.

**SECTION 285.070: FIRE PITS AND PATIO FIREPLACES**

Open burning in fire pits and patio fireplaces are allowed on all properties at any time under the following conditions:

1. Only small twigs, branches and untreated wood shall be burned;
2. No leaves shall be burned;
3. No household waste, construction or demolition waste, or any other material prohibited under Section 285.040 shall be burned; and
4. Owner must maintain control over any open burning.

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