

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

OPEN BURNING OF DISASTER DEBRIS - INFORMATION STATEMENT

Tree limbs, brush, natural wood and plant debris

- Burned on site where generated: No Permit Necessary
- At community sites under supervision by unit of local government: No Permit Necessary

Agricultural Waste (bags, cartons, dry bedding, structural materials and crop residue)

- Burned on site where generated: No Permit Necessary

Clean wood building debris, lumber, and canvas sandbags

- Permit is necessary from Illinois EPA: Permit Needed

If using an Air Curtain Destructor: The owner or operator must obtain an open burning permit from the Illinois EPA and comply with the requirements for local siting, if applicable. Note that under the Emergency Power Act, the Governor may suspend the requirements for a permit and siting when an area has been declared a disaster.

- If permit is required, complete an Open Burning Permit Application Form found at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/air/permits/openburn/index.html>
- FAX completed form to (217) 524-5023.
- *Units of local government can apply for multiple burn locations under a single permit application; and are encouraged to do so.*
- *Applicants other than units of government can also apply for multiple burn locations under a single permit application if the applicant provides proof along with the application that the proposed activities have been coordinated with the unit of local government and the local Fire Protection District.*
 - The Illinois EPA typically issues these permits within 1 - 2 days after receipt of the application; however, upon request the Illinois EPA can expedite permits in the event of an emergency.
 - These permits are typically issued for a short period (e.g., covering 30 to 90 days) after which time they expire.

GENERAL CONDITIONS for the Open Burning of Disaster Debris

- 1. Coordinate the burn with the local Fire Protection District.**
- 2. Conduct the burn when the wind is blowing away from roadways, railroad tracks, airfields, and populated areas.**
- 3. Provide on-site supervision of the burn location.**
- 4. Burning occur only from approximately 9 am to 6 pm to get the best natural smoke dispersion conditions**

Asbestos containing materials and Tires – Burning Not Allowed under any Circumstances!!!

- Email EPA.BOA.OpenBurning@Illinois.gov for additional information or to request an expedited permit in the event of an emergency.
- In the event of an emergency, our secondary contact is John Blazis at (217) 524-0636.