



VILLAGE OF RICHFIELD, WISCONSIN

APPLICATION TO BURN WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF RICHFIELD
(\$15.00 Annually or \$3.00 Monthly)

To the Clerk of the Village of Richfield, County of Washington, Wisconsin:

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to kindle a bonfire or other fire out of doors in the Village pursuant to the rules and regulations outlined in article §179-19 of the Richfield Village Code. Such permit may be issued for 30 days or on an annual basis for a period ending on December 31st, and may be suspended with official notice by the Village President or designee.

The applicant agrees to comply with and be bound by all the laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and penalties governing the business for which this license is applied for:

Applicant (print)

Address

City/State/Zip Code

Phone

Types of material to be burned and location on property burning will take place

Signed _____

Date _____

Expiration Date _____

****APPLICANT MUST NOTIFY THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT PRIOR TO BURNING BY CALLING THE SHERIFF'S NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER AT 262-335-4378.**

Approved by

Date

§179-19. Permit.

- A. Required. It shall be unlawful for any person to kindle a bonfire or other fire out of doors in the Village without a permit, or to permit the kindling of such fires, except as provided in Subsection B of this section.
- B. Issuance; fee; restrictions. A permit to burn may be obtained in person during regular hours as the Village Hall, recycling center or by mail with written request, together with a permit fee established by resolution by the Village Board from time to time and added to the comprehensive fee schedule. Issuance of a permit to burn shall be subject to weather and environmental concerns at the time. Permits shall be issued for 30 days or on an annual basis, and may be suspended with official notice by the Village President or his/her designee. Burning by permit shall be subject to restrictions printed on the permit, but shall also be restricted as follows: **[Amended 4-21-2011 by Ord. No. 2011-4-1]**
 - 1. No fires shall be kindled before 7:00 a.m. or after 6:00 p.m. All fires must be extinguished by 8:00 p.m.
 - 2. All fires shall be continuously attended by a responsible person until extinguished.
 - 3. No fires shall be kindled or allowed to burn with wind speeds in excess of 12 miles per hour.
 - 4. No fires shall be kindled on right-of-way normally maintained by the Village, the county or state or any roadway in the Village.
 - 5. No burning of garbage, rubber, materials emitting toxic fumes or substances, noxious odors or creating a health hazard, building materials, or waste materials and rubbish resulting from building construction, demolition or site clearing shall be allowed, excepting all-wood products.
 - 6. No burning of yard waste in accumulations greater than four feet in diameter nor more than three feet high.
 - 7. It shall be unlawful to burn rubber or any other material which creates offensive odors or smoke or to attempt to burn materials which are not completely combustible or to burn garbage.
- C. Prior to setting a fire regulated by Village ordinance, the property owner or responsible party must first call the non-emergency telephone number for the Washington County Sheriff's Department.
- D. Exceptions. No permit or telephone call shall be required for the following:
 - 1. Fires in barbecue pits, grills and outdoor fireplaces, provided that the current primary use is not the disposal of yard waste and garbage.
 - 2. Portable broilers, grills and similar appliances or facilities used for the preparation of food may be used in any location which is not hazardous to life or property.
 - 3. Fires authorized by the Fire Chief for practice and instruction.
 - 4. Home and commercial incinerators, provided that they are not in disrepair and do not allow sparks and debris into the air.

§179-20. Open burning on parcels 20 acres or more.

The open burning of brush, abandoned crops, leaves, grass, and similar open fires may occur on parcels of land of 20 acres or more without a permit and in excess of 500 feet from the residence of another person when done by the owner or occupant, subject to the following:

- A. No such open fire may be started except between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- B. No such open fire shall be kindled until the Washington County Sheriff's Department is notified of the time and location.

§179-21. Regulations.

- A. Every person kindling an open fire shall supervise such fire until it is extinguished.
- B. During periods of dry weather the Village President or designee may declare a burning ban and, until such burning ban is terminated, it shall be unlawful to kindle any fire enumerated in this article.
- C. No person shall kindle any fire or permit such kindling to be done upon the land or property of another without first securing the permission of the owner of such land or property.

§179-22. Violations and penalties.

Any person who is convicted of violating any of the terms and provisions of this article shall be liable to the Village for all costs and expenses incurred in fighting or extinguishing such fire and, in addition thereto, shall forfeit a cost set by Chapter 1, General Provisions, together with the costs of prosecution, and, in default of payment of such forfeiture and costs, shall be imprisoned in the country jail until such forfeiture and costs, together with subsequent costs, shall be paid, but not exceeding 10 days.