



# FORT DODGE FIRE RESCUE

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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### RE: TEMPORARY YARD WASTE BURN BAN LIFTED IN FORT DODGE

The City of Fort Dodge will temporarily lift its yard waste burn ban from **Saturday, May 31, 2025, through Sunday, June 8, 2025**. Please note:

- **Only yard waste is permitted to be burned.** Yard waste includes leaves, grass clippings, straw, twigs, small branches, and garden vegetation **from your own property only**.
- **Burning of any other materials is strictly prohibited**, including trash, garbage, paper, furniture, tires, wire, or food waste.

#### Burn Site Rules:

- Fire piles must be **less than 3 feet wide and 2 feet high**.
- Fires must be **at least 25 feet away** from any building or flammable material.
- No more than **three piles per property**, and piles must be at least **5 feet apart**.

#### Safety Requirements:

1. A responsible adult must be present at all times and able to control the fire, call for help, or extinguish the flames.
2. A **working garden hose** connected to a water source must be available. If not, **approved fire extinguishing equipment** must be on-site.
3. **All fires must be out by sunset each day.**
4. Fires causing a **fire hazard or smoke nuisance** will be ordered extinguished by fire or police personnel.
5. **No burning is allowed** when sustained wind speeds exceed **15 mph**.
6. Burning is **not allowed** in **public areas**, including alleys, streets, or parks.
7. **Gasoline or diesel may not be used** to start fires.
8. **Do not place yard waste in streets, alleys, or public property.**

#### YARD WASTE DISPOSAL OPTIONS (IF YOU DON'T WANT TO BURN)

##### City Yard Waste Site

Location: **3001 8th Avenue South**

Hours:

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: **8:00 AM – 12:00 PM**
- Saturday: **8:00 AM – 4:00 PM**
- Closed on Wednesday

##### Curbside Yard Waste Collection

- **Fridays only**

- Text **“YARD WASTE”** to **(515) 408-9888** and follow the prompts
- Requests must be submitted by **noon on Thursday** for Friday pickup
- Items must be at the curb by **5:00 AM on Friday**
- No collection on holiday weeks

#### **Collection Guidelines**

- Yard waste must be in **Kraft paper bags**
- Tree branches must be **bundled** (no larger than 18” diameter, 4’ long, and 4” thick)
- Bags and bundles must **weigh under 50 lbs. each**
- Each item requires a **75¢ orange yard waste sticker**, available at **City Hall**

If you have questions, contact the Fort Dodge Fire Department at **515-576-1031**.

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