



FORT DODGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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OPEN BURNING REGULATIONS

These temporary burning regulations apply to yard waste, and only when the City of Fort Dodge has announced open burning is permitted.

Yard waste shall be defined as leaves, grass clippings, straw, twigs, small branches, and garden vegetation generated only on this property. **No burning of trash, waste materials such as garbage, paper, rags, cartons, tin cans, food, discarded furniture, construction debris, tires or wire.**

Fire pile(s) size shall be less than 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet in height. The yard waste fire shall not be conducted within 25 feet of any structure or combustible material. **Fire piles shall be restricted to no more than three per lot.** A minimum separation of 5 feet shall be maintained between piles.

Operational Requirements for Any Type of Yard Waste Fire:

A responsible adult who can control the fire, take emergency action, and call for assistance is always required at the site.

1. *An operable garden hose connected to a water supply shall be provided. If water is not available, approved on site fire extinguishing equipment shall be on hand to control and extinguish the fire.*
2. *Burning shall be extinguished by sunset.*
3. ***Any open burning determined to be a fire hazard or smoke nuisance by Fire or Police will be extinguished.***
4. *Burning shall be suspended when sustained winds are more than 15 miles per hour.*
5. *No burning shall be conducted in city-owned alleys, public streets, or parks.*
6. *No flammable or combustible liquids may be utilized to start a fire.*
7. *Disposing of any yard waste onto public streets, alleys, parks, and/or public ways is strictly prohibited.*

What to do with my yard waste if I choose not to burn:

Yard waste is accepted at the City of Fort Dodge yard waste site located at 3001 8th Ave. South. Hours of operation are Mon., Tues., Thurs., and Fri. from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday's hours are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed on Wednesdays and holidays.

Curbside collection of yard waste will be done on a call-in basis and on Fridays only. Current sanitation customers can text "yard waste" to 515-408-9888 to request a pickup.

Request must be made by noon on Thursdays for Friday pickup. Residents must place yard waste out for collection by 6:00 a.m. Yard waste must be placed in Kraft paper bags with orange stickers affixed and visible. Orange stickers may be purchased at City Hall/Utility Billing Counter.

If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact the Fort Dodge Fire Department at 515-576-1031.