



Can I Burn?

	Yes (with a permit)	No (under any circumstances)	Maybe (see footnotes)	Yes (Exempt)
Commercial/Industrial Source				
Can I burn prairie for maintenance? ¹			✓	
Can I burn "landscape waste" for maintenance?		✓		
Can I burn debris from clearing and grubbing for expansion?		✓		
Can I burn "trade waste"?		✓		

1. It is unlawful to burn landscape waste from any industrial or commercial source. However, if the site is normally open to the general public you may apply for a Prairie Maintenance Permit. If the site is normally closed to the general public, you may apply for a Prairie Maintenance Variance Permit. The "variance" permit process involves a 2-week public notification and comment period for any residence within 1/4-mile of the burn site. These permits will only be issued according to recommended prairie maintenance guidelines (once every 3 years).

Polk County Chapter V, Article I, Section 5-2 Definitions:

"**Landscape waste**" means any vegetable or plant wastes, except garbage. The term includes trees, tree trimmings, branches, stumps, brush, weeds, leaves, grass, shrubbery, and yard trimmings.

"**Trade waste**" means all solid or liquid material or rubbish resulting from building operations, construction, demolition operations, or the conduct of any business industry, governmental or institutional activity, or trade, including, but not limited to, chemicals, cinders, grease, paint, plastic products, and other forms of liquid or solid waste materials, whether or not for profit.

"**Variance**" means a temporary waiver from rules, regulations or standards governing the quality, nature, duration or extent of emissions granted by the Health Officer for a specified period of time.