



# Can I Burn?

	Yes (with a permit)	No (under any circumstances)	Maybe (see footnotes)	Yes (Exempt)
<b>Training Fires</b>				
Can I conduct a training fire on a demolished building?		✓		
Can I use rubber tires to ignite or sustain a training fire?		✓		
Can I burn other materials besides an intact structure for a training fire? <sup>1</sup>			✓	
Can other organizations conduct training fires besides fire departments?	✓			
Can I burn if the structure contains asbestos?		✓		
Can I conduct a training fire for economic gain? <sup>2</sup>			✓	
Can I burn a structure with asphalt shingles? <sup>3</sup>			✓	
Can a fire department only have 2 training fires annually? <sup>4</sup>			✓	

1. Yes, pending Polk County approval (i.e. vehicles).
2. Yes, but that is an industrial training permit with a 60 dollar fee.
3. Asphalt roofing may be burned only if notification is given to Polk County which contains testing results indicating that none of the layers of asphalt roofing contain asbestos.
4. No, a fire department can conduct as many training fires as desired, but only 2 training fires during each calendar year where asphalt roofing has not been removed.

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

**"Training Fire"** is a fire set for the purposes of conducting a "bona fide training" of public or industrial employees in firefighting methods.

**"Bona Fide Training"** means training that is conducted according to the National Fire Protection Association 143 Standard of Live Fire Training Evolutions (2002 Edition) or a comparable training fire standard.