City of Des Moines, Iowa
Open burning within the City of Des Moines is not allowed without a permit. The State of Iowa Administrative Code 567-23.2(455B) governs open burning within the City of Des Moines along with Polk County Board of Health Rules and Regulations Chapter 5 Air Pollution and the City of Des Moines Municipal Code 46-1(g).

The City of Des Moines burn permit request process depends on whether you live in Polk or Warren County, instructions are below:

Polk County, Iowa
All requests for permits to open burn within the City of Des Moines in Polk County must be made to:
Polk County Air Quality Division
5885 NE 14th Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50313
Attn: Jennifer Bradley
Email: airquality@polkcountyiowa.gov
Office: (515) 286-3705
Fax: (515) 286-3437

Warren County, Iowa
Requests for recreational/bonfire and flag burning permits within the City of Des Moines in Warren County must be made by submitting an application form, found on the City of Des Moines website:
http://www.dmgov.org/Departments/Fire/

Other requests within Iowa:
Requests for any other type of open burning must be made to:
Customer Service: 515-725-8200
Iowa DNR Headquarters Wallace State Office Building
502 East 9th Street, 4th Floor
Des Moines, IA 50319-0034

Any comments or questions regarding the above information may be submitted to:
City of Des Moines Fire Department
Fire Prevention Bureau
2715 Dean Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa 50317
Office: (515) 283-4240
Fax: (515) 283-4907
Email: firedept@dmgov.org