



CLIVE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Open Burning FAQ's

Can I burn in the City of Clive?

No, it is against the law to burn within the city limits; this includes Dallas and Polk County.

- Iowa Administrative Code/Environmental Protection Commission [567]/Chapter 23 Emission Standards for Contaminants/567 — 23.2 (455B) Open Burning.

Improving Air Quality in Your Neighborhood, by the U.S. E.P.A. states "Backyard burning can emit pollutants such as hazardous air pollutants (HAPs), particle pollution, and volatile organic compounds (VOC). These pollutants can contribute to health problems that may affect homeowners, their families, their neighbors, and the community."

Can fire pits, burn pits, chimneas, outdoor fireplaces and similar products be used to burn outdoor waste, including leaves, twigs, wood, or other combustible material?

No, burning of any of the materials mentioned or similar materials is illegal within the corporate limits of Clive.

Why are fire pits, campfire rings, chimneas and similar type products sold in local stores within the city limits?

It is not illegal for stores within the city limits to sell these types of products due customers who live outside Clive who may wish to purchase and use them.

What type of grill is allowed on balconies?

Per City of Clive Ordinance and Fire Code, multi-story dwellings (i.e. – apartments, condominiums) are permitted to have a gas grill with a propane cylinder. The propane cylinder may not be more than 20 lbs. in size. Barbecue grills or other devices which produce ashes or embers are not permitted.

- Reference: Clive City Code: 10-8-4: Amendments to International Fire Code

One and two family residences and townhouses are not regulated by the City of Clive and/or Clive Fire Department; however we recommend that grills be placed at least 10 feet from any structure or flammable material. This is especially important with charcoal burning grills.

Code definitions of fireplace and grill:

"Fireplace", means a structure, with an open recess at the base or a chimney or stack, with a grate for food preparation and provisions for under-fire air, for holding an outdoor fire off the ground.

"Grill", means a cooking utensil with a grate for food preparation and provisions for under-fire air, for holding an outdoor fire off the ground. This section shall not apply to outdoor fireplaces or grills burning untreated wood or charcoal, used solely for the non-commercial preparation of food. Such outdoor fireplaces or grills shall not be used for the burning of refuse, rubbish, or garbage.

- Polk County Board of Health Rules and Regulations: Chapter V – Air Pollution: Article III, Section 5-7

Quick Links

<http://www.epa.gov>

<http://www.epa.gov/region07/air/rules/iowa/567-2302.pdf>

<http://www.iowadnr.gov>

<http://www.iowadnr.gov/Environment/AirQuality/OpenBurning.aspx>

<http://www.polkcountyiowa.gov/airquality/Pages/OpenBurning.aspx>

Iowa D.N.R. – Air Quality Bureau – (515)-242-5100

Polk County Public Works – Air Quality Division - 515-286-3351

Note: City code can be more restrictive, but not less restrictive than state and/or federal law and code. Any individual code listed above may not be reflective of all applicable codes, regulations, rules, or laws.