

# GILBERT FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Open Burning Permit

### FREQUENTY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### What is the process for getting a burn permit?

1. Fill out the attached application and submit it to the Gilbert Fire Department.
2. Once the application is received a Fire Inspector will contact you to inspect your site
3. If your project meets Town of Gilbert approval then you must obtain a Maricopa County Burn Permit (<http://www.maricopa.gov/aq/divisions/compliance/dust/docs/pdf/BURN-APP2.pdf>) approximate fee is \$100 and is regulated by the County 602-372-1071)
4. Once you have your County Burn Permit contact the Town of Gilbert Development Services to pay your permit fee of \$88.00.
5. The Fire Department will issue your burn permit and discuss any additional requirements.
6. It is mandatory to call the burn line recording on the day of your burn to ensure it is a burn day (602-506-6400).
7. You must also contact the fire department on the day of your burn if your burn permit is valid for more than one day (480-503-6300)

#### What are my other options?

If you do not wish to spend the money or you cannot meet the permit requirements, you can contact the Town of Gilbert Solid Waste Department to check for the next scheduled bulk trash pickup in your area. This bulk trash pick up is free to residents of Gilbert. Also the Town has roll off dumpsters for certain situations. Please call 480-503-6400 for more information on either of these services.

#### How close to a structure can my fire be?

Open burning shall not be conducted within 50 feet (15 240 mm) of a structure or combustible material unless the fire is contained in an approved barbecue pit.

#### What can surround my fire?

Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 50 feet (15 240mm) of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition. You must remove grass, shrubs etc...

#### What can I burn?

Burn permits are limited to natural products and those products that do not give off offensive or objectionable smoke or odor emissions. **You may not burn live vegetation or any refuse.**

#### What equipment do I need?

You must have at least 1 portable fire extinguisher or other approved fire extinguishment device present at all times.

#### Who needs to be there?

The fire must be attended at all times by at least one qualified person as determined by the Fire Prevention Division.

**How long is my burn permit good for?**

Each permit is good for one circumstance. That length of time may vary depending on the circumstance. (Example: 1 day for a bon fire, 1 month for irrigation weed abatement) The length of time will be stated on the permit you receive from the Fire Department.

**What do I do with my permit?**

You must keep a copy of the permit on site during the event.

**Does a permit guarantee I can burn?**

No, there are issues beyond our control which can cause you to not burn including non-burn days as allowed by the county, weather, and other issues. In addition, if your neighbors or other citizens complain about the smoke or impact your event has on them, traffic and/or the neighborhood your permit can be revoked and the fire must be extinguished.

**What if I don't finish my project in the time allotted on my permit?**

You must contact the Gilbert Fire Department Prevention Division for an extension. You may not burn without prior approval. You may call 480-503-6300 and ask to speak with someone from Fire prevention about a burn permit extension.

**What is the penalty of burning without a permit or material not allowed?**

Burning without a permit or burning of unapproved materials is a criminal violation and is subject to citation or arrest. The violation is eligible for up to \$2500 in fines and 6 months in jail.