

*Village of Osceola, WI  
Monday, May 19, 2025*

## Chapter 168. Peace and Good Order

### § 168-16. Burning.

[Amended 5-11-2004 by Ord. No. 04-10]

A. Purpose. The purpose of this section is to strictly regulate burning within the Village.

B. Restrictions.

- (1) No burning of rubbish, garbage, other household waste or hazardous materials is permitted in the Village.
- (2) Burning of any permitted materials must be in acceptable containers as defined by the Osceola Fire Department or in properly constructed fire pits.
- (3) Leaves may only be burned in metal containers, 55 gallons or smaller, with screened lids.
- (4) Burning may only be conducted between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight.
- (5) Fires set by the Osceola Fire Department for practice and instruction of fire fighters are allowed.
- (6) All fires are to be ignited with a safe and customarily approved starter fuel.
- (7) Outdoor fires used for cooking and recreational purposes are allowed. These are defined and limited to charcoal and gas grills, freestanding fireplaces (clay or metal) or fire pits.
- (8) Apartment, townhouse, and condominium association rules must be strictly followed when using charcoal and gas grills, freestanding fireplaces (clay or metal) or fire pits.
- (9) Construction and use of fire pits shall meet the following requirements:
  - (a) The diameter of the pit shall not exceed three feet.
  - (b) The depth of the pit shall be one foot to two feet deep.
  - (c) The rim of the pit shall be lined with rock, concrete, brick or steel
  - (d) Fire pits shall be a minimum of 15 feet from combustible structures.
  - (e) Fire pits must be attended by at least one person 18 years or older when lighting the fire and at all times while the fire is burning.
  - (f) A fire extinguisher or water hose must be available nearby at all times.
  - (g) Only split firewood, tree limbs or charcoal may be burned in fire pits.
  - (h) When burning, all burning materials shall be completely contained within the fire pit and shall not extend beyond the confines of the fire pit or freestanding fireplace.
  - (i) At no time shall the fire exceed three feet in height. The fire shall produce little detectable smoke, odor, or soot beyond the property line on which the fire is constructed.

- (j) Fire and embers must be completely extinguished before the fire pit is vacated.
- (10) Freestanding fireplaces and charcoal grills shall be placed on noncombustible surfaces and shall comply with Subsection **B(7)** and **(9)(a)** through **(i)** above.
- (11) Approval for any open burning of brush or other similar materials must be approved by the Fire Chief or designee.
- (12) The Fire Chief has the authority to issue a burning ban at any time due to weather conditions or other hazardous conditions that may exist.