

**The following guidelines are for your reference, safety, and convenience.**

## **East Moline City Code**

### **BONFIRES:**

A permit issued by the Fire Chief is required for bonfires. Bonfires are fires larger than recreational fires usually utilized for ceremonies or large gatherings.

- Open fires must be located a minimum of fifty feet (50') from any structure and adequate provision is made to prevent fire from spreading to within fifty feet (50') of any structure or building.
- Bonfires contained in an approved burner with closed top must be located fifteen feet (15') or more from any structure.

### **Recreational Fires:**

Recreational fires are outside fires where the fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fire place, barbecue grill or barbecue pit and has a diameter three (3) feet or less and is two (2) feet or less in height.

- Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet (7620 mm) of a structure or combustible material unless contained in a barbecue pit.
- Conditions that may cause a fire to spread to within 25 feet (7620 mm)

of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

### **BURNING OF LEAVES OR REFUSE:**

- It shall be lawful to burn dry leaves in the City of East Moline on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays, between the hours of eight o'clock (8:00) A.M. through five o'clock (5:00) P.M.
- Open burning of leaves shall not be conducted within twenty-five feet (25') of any structure or other combustible material. Dry leaves burned in an approved container must be located 15 feet (15') or more from a structure.
- A garden hose or a bucket of water shall be readily available for use at the burning site.
- A competent person shall constantly attend burning leaves until the fire is completely extinguished.
- No person shall kindle, maintain or cause to be kindled or maintained, any fire on City right-of-way, street, avenue, alley, drainage ditch, easement or park.
- The Fire Chief or his agent may prohibit burning of leaves when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous.
- Burning of rubbish or trash is strictly prohibited in the City of East Moline. Rubbish shall include paper products, garbage, or waste material from construction, demolition, or renovation of buildings.

- Any person, business or municipality may burn landscape, or conduct open burning, only upon obtaining, after application, a permit, as required, from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, and in accordance with the International Fire Code 2009 edition, and upon issuance of a permit, as required, by the appropriate City Code Enforcement Official. The lawful burning of leaves, in accordance with the provisions of this Section, shall not be prohibited by this paragraph.

**To apply for a permit contact:**  
Illinois EPA, Bureau of Air  
1021 N. Grand Ave East  
P.O. Box 19276  
Springfield, IL 62794-9276  
(217) 782-2113

Permits are not required for small fires kindled in or upon the ground, or in a barbecue pit, exterior fireplace or cookout device.

### **COMBUSTIBLE REFUSE:**

It shall be unlawful to permit or store any combustible refuse in such a way as to create a fire hazard or to store or throw any refuse of any kind in an alley, street or public way in the City.

**Any known violations of these regulations shall be enforced, and may be prosecuted as misdemeanors, punishable by fines up to \$500.00**

## General Rules on Burning

**Time of Burning:** Burning shall take place only during approved hours.

**General:** A person shall not ignite, maintain or authorize any open burning unless conducted and approved in accordance with City of East Moline adopted ordinances.

**Attendance:** Open Burning, Bonfires or Recreational fires shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher with a minimum rating of 4-A or other approved fire extinguishing equipment such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose or water truck, shall be available for immediate utilization.

**Permit Required:** A permit shall be obtained from the code official prior to kindling a fire for recognized silvicultural or range or management practices, prevention or control of disease or pest, or a bonfire. Applications for such approval shall only be presented by and permits issued to the owner of the land upon which the fire is to be kindled.

**Authorization:** Where required by state or local law or regulations, open burning shall only be permitted with prior approval from the state or local air and water quality management authority, provided that all conditions specified in the authorization are followed.

**Prohibited Open Burning:** The Chief is authorized to order extinguishment of any open burning that creates or adds to a hazardous or objectionable situation.

**Chief May Prohibit:** The Chief of the Fire Department may prohibit any or all bonfires and outdoor rubbish fires when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous.

**Open-Flame Cooking Devices:** Charcoal burners and other open-flame cooking devices shall not be operated on combustible balconies.

**Kindling Of Fire On Land Of Others:** No person shall kindle a fire upon the land of another without permission of the owner thereof or his agent.

## Fire Safety Rules

- Do not burn wet leaves.
- Do not use gasoline to start any fire.
- Keep children and small animals away from fires and hot objects
- Do not burn on windy days or during adverse conditions.
- If the fire becomes out of control, call 911.
- Make sure the fire is completely out; do not let leaves smolder.
- Never use outdoor cooking equipment inside.
- Never allow children to light any fire.



# Burning Regulations

**YOU CAN HELP... every time the rules and regulations contained in this document are violated; tax dollars are unwisely spent, and prompt emergency services compromised.**

## **For More Information Please Contact:**

East Moline Fire Department  
Bureau of Fire Prevention  
1523 – Morton Drive  
East Moline, IL 61244  
(309) 752-1502 / (309) 752-1505

City of East Moline  
Maintenance Services Dept.  
1200 – 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
East Moline, IL 61244  
(309) 752-1573

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