

# **RULES FOR OPEN BURNING WITH PERMIT**

In accordance with the Code of Ordinances for the City of Walker, Chapter 34 (Environment), Section 34-55 (Open Burning), listed below are the rules and regulations for the City's Open Burning Policy:

Residential burning is allowed twice a year. The burning season begins on April 15th through May 15th and October 15th through November 15th. Burning permits are free and can be obtained at the main reception area at the Walker City Hall or on line at [www.walker.city](http://www.walker.city). You will be required to show your valid Michigan driver's license when applying for your burning permit. If you do obtain a permit the following rules will apply:

- **You may only burn on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays during the burning season.**
- **The burning of leaves and grass clippings is prohibited.**
- **You are only allowed to burn small twigs.**
- **ABSOLUTELY NO COMMERCIAL BURNING** (Contractors, businesses, clearing land, etc.) □  
Burning of garbage, rubbish or any other solid waste is also prohibited.
- Open burning shall be supervised and kept under control by an adult who shall be present at the site of the fire at all times and until the fire is completely extinguished without smoldering.
- Fire extinguishing equipment must be readily available at the site of the fire. A supply of water must be available in the immediate vicinity of the fire.
- Open burning is not permitted within 50 feet of any building or overhead wires.
- Open burning is not permitted in any public street.
- Open burning is not permitted in ditches or drainage courses other than the burning of natural vegetation growing therein (with permission from the Fire Dept.) □ No burning in trash barrels or other containers.
- Burning is not allowed until sunrise and must be extinguished by sunset.
- Materials to be burned must be dry and readily combustible. The fire must be small and no black smoke is permitted.
- Burning is not allowed when the wind is over **20 mph.**
- You must renew your burning permit every spring.

Lastly, if the Fire Department is called to your address because of a complaint from smoke or odor from your fire, and if our responding fire officer determines that your burning is causing a health hazard or nuisance to your neighbors, you will be asked to extinguish your fire.