



Prairie Grass/Wild Flower Area Guidelines

- Attain a burning permit from the Leisure Services department at Waverly City Hall.
- Plan your burn for the first day of your burn period to allow for unavoidable delays that will postpone a safe burn.
- Locate all damageable features in your burn area such as wooden fence posts, utility poles, telephone junction boxes, gas pipelines, buildings, water sources and property lines.
- Do NOT attempt a burn alone.
- Have a burn plan, mark fire breaks, proposed direction of burn and ignition points.
- Inform everyone involved so they know the burn procedure and schedule.
- BEFORE a burn notify your local fire department, gas pipeline companies if facilities exist and all your neighbors.
- In case of burn cancellation or postponement, immediately notify all parties.
- WEATHER has an overriding effect on a burn. Wind direction and speed, frontal passages, relative humidity and temperature will affect how the fire will behave.
- Always burn in to a prevailing wind.
- A steady wind speed of five to fifteen miles per hour is ideal.
- Wind direction should be a direction in which you will have the least impact on your neighbors, roadways and populated areas.
- Relative humidity between 30 to 60 percent is best.
- Temperature ranging from 60 to 70 degrees Fahrenheit is best.
- Be aware of frontal activity that may result in dramatic change in weather conditions. Check the weather forecast before you burn.
- Equipment needed: garden rake, flat shovel and sprayer/hose hooked up to a water supply.
- Personal safety equipment: leather gloves, eye protection and cotton fiber long sleeved shirt and pants.
- After the burn, check the area twice to make sure that nothing is smoldering and all hot spots are extinguished.
- Notify the fire departments, neighbors and any affected parties that the burning has ceased.
- Abandoning a planned burn is preferable to conducting a burn with unsafe conditions.

Contact the Waverly Leisure Services Office at **(319) 352-6263** or visit the website at www.waverlyia.com/permits to address any questions.